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Postal strike is called off for pay talks

Chaos likely to go on for another fortnight

- **The postal strike was called off after agreement on talks to find a new way of paying more cash to South-east recruits**
- **Mail distribution is not expected to be normal for a fortnight, and post boxes will remain sealed for three days**
- **Mr Alan Tuffin, the union leader, said the strike was unnecessary. It had cost his union £6million a day**
- **The management said it would continue to pay the contentious £20 more to recruits in selected areas**

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

The Union of Communication Workers last night called off its national postal strike after its executive endorsed an agreement with the Post Office for talks to find an alternative to pay supplements for recruits in the South-east.

Mr Bill Cockburn, managing director of the letters division, said the present payments for recruits in areas with staff shortages would continue for now.

But he said the two sides had agreed to a remuneration system for postal workers recruited in London and the South-east.

Postal services, halted for 12 days, are not expected to be back to normal for at least a fortnight.

Post boxes will remain sealed for at least two to three days, in some areas for up to a week, while with the backlog of more than 150 million items is sorted and delivered.

Mr Alan Tuffin, the union's general secretary, who claimed a victory for the union, said he was confident that all branches, including the militant Liverpool and west London offices, would return to work by Thursday after management agreed to "mutually acceptable" staffing arrangements to deal with the backlog of post.

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The use of casual staff, which led the 24-hour dispute over pay supplements to mushroom into an indefinite national strike, is to be negotiated at local level.

Mr Tuffin said the Post Office has agreed not to bring in casual labour without negotiating first with union officials.

The Post Office has withdrawn its demands for strikers to give a written assurance to "work as directed" or face immediate suspension and has agreed not to press any disciplinary charges on workers involved in the dispute.

However, Mr Cockburn said the union had agreed in principle to the use of temporary staff, accepted that mail would be diverted between offices where necessary and had agreed to handle mail posted by customers in areas unaffected by the dispute.

He called the agreement "a major step forward" now that the the union had accepted that pay supplements of between £7.50 and £20 would continue until a new system was found.

"Previously the union insisted that pay supplements had to be removed before negotiations. This agreement provides for their continuation", he said.

A new solution to the problem of pay supplements will not be easy to find. While Mr Cockburn insisted that a new formula would have to accept an element of pay supplement somewhere, Mr Tuffin said there was no agenda and no pre-condition.

Mr Tuffin speculated that London weighting could be both increased and geographically expanded as an alternative to the system of paying supplements to new recruits in areas suffering from staff shortages.

He said the strike had been sad and unnecessary and had cost his members £150 to £200 a week, or £6 million a day. "Who would have thought that Tunbridge Wells would have walked out," he said, blaming the escalation on management's handling of the issue of casual labour.

Mr Cockburn said the strike had been a big blow to customer confidence and the Post Office now faced a "major task to restore confidence".

In a letter to Mr Tuffin, Sir Brian Nicholson, chairman of the Post Office, said: "If we are to recover, it is essential that an orderly return to work is followed immediately by joint management-staff efforts in every district, throughout the letters and parcels business to clear the backlog, restore to our customers the service they expect, and repair the damage done."

Mr Tuffin said he would regret the monopoly being lifted. He predicted that would lead to poorer services for rural and suburban areas.

However he made it clear that while the public would suffer from the lifting of the monopoly his union would no longer accept the threat of suspension of the monopoly as a reason not to strike.

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Bank puts mortgages up to 13%

Barclays Bank has put its mortgage rate up by 1.2 percentage points to 13 per cent from today. Other banks and building societies are expected to follow suit.

The increase in rates reflects last month's rise in bank base rates by 1 percentage point to 12 per cent, following poor trade figures.

Figures released yesterday suggested that the boom in the economy continued last month. Spending in the high street reached new peaks and prices of manufactured goods rose at their fastest rate for two years..... Page 23

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The diplomatic dance takes on a new meaning



Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, talking to dancers from the Turkana tribe — after he joined them in the traditional welcome dance — during his visit to rehabilitation and development projects Britain is helping to fund in Northern Kenya.

Howe steps out in Kenya

From Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent
Nairobi

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, a noted performer in the diplomatic dance between nations but not on the ballroom floor, yesterday gave new meaning to an old metaphor by joining a group of exotically dressed African women in a lively tribal dance.

His gesture startled and delighted his host, Dr Robert Ouko, the Kenyan Foreign Minister, and enlivened what would otherwise have been a rather less noteworthy visit to an EEC-aided project near Lake Turkana in Northern Kenya.

A swaying line of men and women in tribal costumes were peforming the Donga, a traditional rite of welcome, when Sir Geoffrey jumped up and joined them.

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The sight of a generously proportioned Englishman in a formal grey suit and tie gyrating to African rhythms under the scorching sun 200 miles north of the equator clearly took Dr Ouko by surprise.

But it was probably a calculated diplomatic move. Sir Geoffrey knew that the press corps following his six-nation tour of Africa was mainly interested in what he had said to President Moi about human rights at a breakfast meeting a few hours earlier.

The subject remains immensely sensitive in Kenya where even questions about human rights can be taken as a criticism. Sir Geoffrey was undoubtedly anxious to deflect attention from a subject he knew could cause embarrassment.

Grabbing the hand of an African woman, who looked as if she feared the ostrich feather on her head might come unstuck, Sir Geoffrey performed some quite passable if somewhat awkward steps. They were not, however, quite deft enough to avoid stepping on her bare feet.

Asked afterwards if he had enjoyed his dancing lesson he said: "My terpsichoreal capacity is so limited that I can benefit from any instruction. Whether today's lesson took me very far down the road I don't know".

The Turkana dancers seemed so pleased with their guest's reaction that they were still whooping with delight when he and Lady Howe left for Nairobi.

Urgent security review as Ulster Civil Servant escapes IRA bomb

By Howard Foster and Paul Vallely

An urgent review of security arrangements for Civil Servants in Northern Ireland was yesterday under way after an IRA attempt to murder the head of the Northern Ireland Office and his family at their home in an exclusive suburb of Belfast.

Sir Kenneth Bloomfield, the most senior government aide in the province, and his wife and teenage son had a "miraculous escape" after terrorists planted four bombs containing 80lb of Semtex high explosive outside his unguarded house in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Only two of the bombs went off and RUC officers, stepping over the unexploded devices, were able to lead the shocked but unhurt family from the wreckage of the five-bedroomed detached house in Ballymullan Road, Crawfordsburn, North Down.

A few hours after the attack, the IRA announced that it was responsible and added a warning to senior civil servants "formulating British military strategy or advising the administration in this field to resign their posts or face the consequences".

A car bomb exploded in the centre of Belfast last night as security forces, who had received a warning, tried to clear the area. The explosion ripped through Donegall Square, only 100 yards from Belfast City Hall, shattering windows in nearby offices and shops.

Early reports indicated that there were three casualties after the vehicle, believed to be a black taxi, exploded in an entrance between two shops.

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Security sources said last night that the threat applied to possibly "dozens" of senior Civil Servants in Northern Ireland.

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Tom King, held two meetings with the RUC Chief Constable, Sir John Hermon, yesterday to discuss security arrangements for those most under threat from the terrorists. It is understood that he will raise the issue in Dublin at today's meeting of the Anglo-Irish conference.

After visiting the partly-demolished home of his permanent secretary, Mr King said: "It means that Civil Servants whether they work in the health service, agriculture, education or roads, are now the sort of people the IRA would like to attack. It underlines what a really vicious and thoroughly debased campaign this has become."

The attack was condemned by a wide range of individuals and political parties. Mrs Thatcher said: "It is just another example of the total ruthlessness of the IRA and the total lack of any form of human sympathy or human feeling."

The mainly Roman Catholic SDLP described the IRA as "gangsters" and said that Sir Kenneth Bloomfield is held in high esteem by both sides of the sectarian divide.

A Protestant career Civil Servant, aged 57, he has been deeply involved in a new Government-funded scheme to revitalize the deprived West and North areas of Belfast.

It is more than 10 years since the IRA last announced that it considered Civil Servants as "legitimate targets". Yesterday's bombing was being seen by security sources as a significant new strategy intended to stretch to breaking point the RUC, which only three days ago issued a grimly-worded warning about an imminent escalation in IRA violence over the next four months.

The attack generated furious debate within the Northern Ireland Office and the RUC which, for months now, have been at loggerheads over levels of funding for such security work.

In line with existing policy, Sir Kenneth's home was equipped with security floodlighting, video monitors and armoured glass. But, despite the seniority of his position, he did not have a 24-hour armed guard.

Such guards are understood

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Diplomat involved in shooting

By Nicholas Beeston and Peter De Ionno

A Cuban diplomat was arrested by police last night after he was involved in a shooting incident in a busy street in west London. He was released when he claimed diplomatic immunity.

Mr Timothy Eggar, Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, is understood to be dealing urgently with the case and in close touch with the police.

The diplomat, understood to be Señor Jorge Ramos, third secretary at the Cuban Embassy surrendered himself and a gun to police, who were called to The Quadrangle, Cambridge Square, after shooting had been reported there at about 4.30pm.

It is thought five shots were fired from a handgun, narrowly missing a London Transport bus passing in Sus-

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SAS 'shoot-to-kill' operation is denied

From Tony Dawe, Gibraltar

A claim that the SAS was ordered to carry out a "shoot-to-kill" operation in advance of the killing of three IRA terrorists in Gibraltar was strongly refuted yesterday by the commander of the SAS team.

The commander, known as Soldier F, refused to accept a claim that the SAS represented: "The unholy high priesthood of violence charged with dangerous and brutal duties in the cause of the State".

Mr Patrick McGrory, representing the families of the terrorists, told the Gibraltar inquest into the deaths that that the unleashing of the SAS on the terrorists was "like signing their death warrant".

However, the inquest was told that the device which the IRA had plannned to explode in Gibraltar was "one of the most violent bombs that they had ever produced in a city centre".

A security scare surrounded the appearance in court of Soldier F, who gave evidence from behind a heavy 15 ft-high curtain. A trick of the light made it possible for his reflection to be seen on a door behind the curtain by some people at the back of the court.

After being informed, Mr Felix Pizzarello, the coroner, told the press and others in court: "If by any chance a glimpse is obtained or reflection seen of the witness, I need hardly tell you that you must not in any way describe or sketch them".

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Soldier F clashed several times with Mr McGrory during nearly four hours of cross examination. At one point, Mr McGrory accused him of drawing up documents relating to the events of March 6 several days later.

When challenged by Mr Mi-

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Freedom imminent for kidnap victim

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, west Beirut

The release of Herr Rudolf Cordes, the West German engineer kidnapped by Muslim extremists in west Beirut nearly 20 months ago, appeared to be only hours away last night after his abductors allowed him to announce that his ordeal was finally approaching an end.

But the kidnappers suggested that their decision to free their captive was part of an agreement involving Bonn, Damascus and Tehran. "We do not want to be hostile to the government of Germany," it said, adding that the group felt "respect for the sincere appeal (sic) by Hafez el-Assad (the Syrian President) and the Islamic Iranian Government".

The kidnappers' statement then went on to mention unspecified "assurances" of solving the problem of the Hamadei brothers — a reference to the two Shia Muslim Lebanese brothers, Mohammed Ali Hamadei and Abbas Hamadei, one of whom is accused of hijacking the TWA airliner to Beirut in 1985, and both of whom are imprisoned in Germany.

In an unexplained passage the statement from the kidnappers, who call themselves the "Freedom Strugglers", said that the group would now resort to "legal means" to win the release of Mohammed Hamadei, but added ominously that "if he is not released, we will be forced again to resort to violence".

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Earlier in the day a letter apparently written by Herr Cordes arrived at the offices of the Beirut independent *An Nahar* newspaper, in which the captive German said: "I should be free on Monday — please inform my family."

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Injury threatens Sanderson's Olympic defence



Sanderson: Ruptured scar tissue near Achilles tendon

From Pat Butcher
Nihon, Japan

Tessa Sanderson, Britain's Olympic javelin champion, had to be carried from the practice arena here yesterday with an injury which threatens to deny her the chance to defend her title in Seoul in a fortnight's time.

Sanderson stopped suddenly near the end of the runway on her second training throw and needed a stitch in burst scar tissue near her left Achilles tendon.

She will lose several days' training on top of the six weeks she has gone without competition after problems with her Achilles tendons.

Trying to put on a brave face, Sanderson said: "Obviously I'm shaken, but I'm feeling positive. I'm very optimistic and hopeful that I will be competing in the Games."

But Sanderson has not now thrown competitively since the International Athletes' Club meeting in Edinburgh on July 29, and then she could only take three throws.

Sanderson has argued in the past that it only takes one throw to win. But even if her ankle stands up to one throw, her best of 73.58 metres dates back five years.

Petra Felke, of East Germany, set a world record of 80 metres last week and Tiina Lillak, of Finland, who has had injuries since, and during, the Olympic competition, when she finished second to Sanderson, threw 73.30 metres in Lappeenranta on Sunday.

Steve Cram might not have limped off the bus which brought him to Nihon yesterday if he had known about Sanderson's injury. But he could be excused a moment of levity after his problems, which he said are now resolved.

Cram pulled up during an attempt on the 1,000 metres world record two weeks ago in Italy, and there have been questions about his Olympic participation in either one or both of the 800 and 1,500 metres.

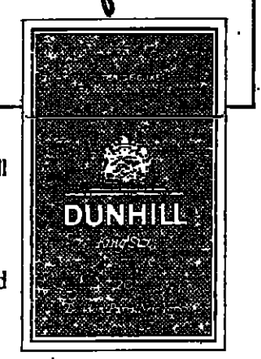
But he said: "I'm fine. The leg is OK after training on it for four to five days. It seems to be standing up quite well. I'm definitely doing the double."

The news for Abdi Bile, who created something of a surprise in taking Cram's world 1,500 metres title last year is not so good. According to Mohammed Charles, a Somali official, Bile may have a stress fracture and may have to withdraw from the Olympic Games.

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Hammond's new single-union deal

The electricians' union, which was last week expelled from the TUC, yesterday signed a single-union deal with the Japanese-owned Sanyo Electric Manufacture (UK) to cover the company's two new plants in the North-east.

The deal, yet to be finalized, will give the Electrical, Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing Union sole bargaining rights for the 500 workers to be employed at the company's microwave oven plant in Newton Aycliffe and the Megnetron plant in Thornaby-on-Tees.

Senior officials of the union, which was expelled for refusing to accept two TUC rulings that it should withdraw from two single-union no-strike deals, began negotiating with the company before Mr Eric Hammond, the general secretary, led his delegation out of the congress last week.

Mr Hammond said last night: "This agreement proves that the EETPU is working in the best interests of British workers in areas of high unemployment".

'Halt seal killing' plea

Commercial seal killing should be banned in the Antarctic, Greenpeace, the environmental pressure group, urged yesterday. The call came as delegates from 13 countries met in London to review the 1978 Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals. Mr Timothy Eggar, Under Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, said the agreement has begun to look dated.

Saigon musical

A new musical from the creators of *Les Miserables* is to open at the Theatre Royal in London's Drury Lane next autumn. *Miss Saigon*, a love story set against the fall of Saigon in 1975, by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg, will replace *42nd Street*. It will be produced by Cameron Mackintosh and directed by Nicholas Hytner, whose recent successes include the much-acclaimed *The Tempest* and *Measure for Measure* at the RSC, and *The Knot Garden* at Covent Garden. Auditions for the title role of the £2 million production are being held.

Piggott's parole hope

Lester Piggott's solicitor said last night that there were few stronger candidates for parole than the former champion jockey, who has served 11 months of a three-year sentence for a £3 million tax fraud. Mr Jeremy Richardson said, however, that media speculation about parole was not helpful. Such speculation has increased since disclosures that Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, has replied personally to an appeal for leniency by Mrs Susan Piggott. Mrs Piggott was injured last month in a riding accident, and was said yesterday to be "improving slowly".

Softening on poll tax

Mr John Gummer yesterday injected a new conciliatory note into the Government's efforts to secure the co-operation of councillors in levying the poll tax. In his first public speech as local government minister, he emphasized the willingness of the Government to listen to any practical problems in implementing the new tax. Mr Gummer told a Rating and Valuation Association conference in Torquay: "We must now move on from the politics of change to the professional task of implementation".

Mr Men author dies

Roger Hargreaves, author of the Mr Men children's books, has died aged 53 of a heart attack. Mr Hargreaves, an advertising executive before making his fortune with his colourful characters, died on Sunday at his home in Edenbridge, Kent. He leaves a widow, two sons and twin daughters. The multi-million pound Mr Men empire began in 1972 with six titles, which stemmed from bedtime stories the author used to tell his own children. Obituary, page 16

Unions launch battle for a 35-hour week

By Tim Jones and Roland Rudd

The Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, representing more than 800,000 workers, appeared last night to be heading for a collision course with their employers after launching a campaign for a 35-hour week in the industry. It claimed that with record profits, dividends and order books, the time was ripe for the demand to be met.

After the launch, in central London yesterday, the Engineering Employers' Federation made it clear that they would resist the claim, by the 14 unions, when it is formally presented later this month. But already the federation has been warned by two Conservative MEPs that its opposition to increased workers' rights and conditions in 1992 could backfire.

Dr James McFarlane, director general of the federation, said employers in the industry would be "disappointed" that the unions "still had their sights set on such an old-fashioned goal which really is not relevant to the needs of industry today.

"Simply to reduce hours while pay and productivity remain the same will lead to less output for the same cost. This could threaten jobs unnecessarily. Is this what the confederation wants?

"It must be understood that every reduction in hours worked involves the sacrifice of pay and living standards compared with the levels possible if hours are not reduced."

According to the unions, the campaign is "the most important initiative taken by any group of trade unions in the last decade" and will harmonize British workers with their European counterparts.

The unions say that because of the prosperity to which they have contributed, the 5,000 companies represented by the federation can well afford to concede the demand. Mr Tod Sullivan, president of the confederation, said the claim, if met, could lead to the creation of up to 200,000 jobs in federation companies and another 800,000 jobs nationally in firms who took the lead from their settlements.

He said that even if the employers said the union claim would add up to 11 per cent on the labour costs, the case was justified because of the savings that could be made through the willingness to embrace new technology and working practices.

Productivity in European countries where the 35-hour week already operated had increased, he said.

"Both staff and manual workers will be campaigning together for a common objective from which both will benefit."

The two Conservative MEPs who have criticized the employers' position are Mrs Margaret Daly (Somerset and Dorset West) and Mr Fred Tuckman (Leicester).

In the latest issue of the federation's newspaper, they said that the European Community was far more than a free trade area. Its shared interests and objectives lay not just in commerce but in the social sphere.

So far the social dimension has only been backed publicly by socialists. M Jacques Delors, President of the European Commission, recently made clear his opposition to the conservative view of 1992 that the internal market "alone and unaided" would result in spectacular growth and jobs.

The Conservative MEPs believe that a social agenda need not be a socialist agenda. In a thinly veiled criticism of employers and the Government, they warn the federation that "too many people have opted out of serious discussion by using a dismissive approach".

They fear that blanket opposition could mean that Britain will have little serious intellectual input to make when the socialist Spanish and French Presidents raise the social profile between now and the end of 1992. "By resisting it as social engineering, the UK risks isolation from the negotiation process and this will increase the prospect of unplatable legislation. Change can and should be negotiated."

Commenting on the article, Dr McFarlane said: "It will become increasingly clear that, even if we want to do so, it will be difficult to say no to everything. We must identify the issues which really matter to us and concentrate our resources on those."

Mr Peter Ball, operations director, yesterday said the federation did not agree with the Conservative MEPs but wanted to let their members know what the MEPs were thinking on the social dimension.

"If this is what Conservative MEPs are now thinking, imagine what the rest of the European Community is thinking. We have got quite a struggle on our hands to resist this."

Nurses' pay regrading delayed by anomalies

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

The Government is to insist on detailed talks with regional health managers before regrading the jobs of 500,000 nurses.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, said yesterday that the initial returns from Britain's 14 regional health authorities showed inconsistencies that would have to be resolved to achieve a "fair and consistent outcome".

His response is likely to cause delays to the regrading exercise, although he said he still wanted the exercise to be completed by Christmas.

Mr Robin Cook, Labour's health spokesman, had accused Mr Clarke of "humbug" for maintaining that it was still too early to tell how much the final settlement would cost.

"Speculation about the outcome locally or nationally is premature and irresponsible", Mr Clarke responded. "Nothing is gained by people shouting out numbers like bingo callers.

"Campaigning in the middle of the talks will merely disrupt the negotiations and risk causing delays to the outcome."

Mr Cook, who has estimated that another £150 million is needed, told a nurses' seminar in Brighton that if the Opposition could add up the figures from health authorities, so could ministers.

Mr Clarke said his department had received provisional grading returns from the 14 regional health authorities.

"These show different results in different parts of the country. To a certain extent that is to be expected, but we need to be satisfied that these variations are justified by differences in the way jobs are organized and services delivered.

"It would be quite wrong if a nurse could be paid much more or much less in one town than she would receive in a neighbouring town for the same responsibilities."

Mr Clarke said nursing unions should face up to the consequences of the deal they had agreed and explain to their members that it would widen differentials.

"The unions signed this agreement, and they must now tell their members what they signed.

"The whole purpose of the new structure is to distinguish more clearly between jobs and reward them accordingly.

"It is inevitable that in an exercise of this sort, some nurses and midwives will do better than others. We agreed with the unions that we would introduce this new range of pay for different responsibilities, and we must all deliver what we agreed."

● A future Labour government would scrap competitive tendering for ancillary services in the NHS, Mr Roy Hattersley said in Glasgow yesterday.

Ministers calculate that health authorities have saved £100 million over the past five years though private sector competition.

However, Mr Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party, said competitive tendering meant that corners were cut and patients suffered.

A Labour government would "waste no time in bringing all those parts of health service provisions, which are privatized and out to competitive tendering, back under the direct control of the NHS".

Dolphin 'was kidnap plot target'



Rocky the dolphin with Mr John Braithwaite, general manager of Marineland, after the crown court hearing yesterday.

Animal Liberation Front supporters planned to release a dolphin from a seaside marine park, a court was told yesterday.

The raiders had carried a stretcher, a net and ropes to pull the dolphin from his pool at night and release him to the open sea, Miss Jill Ruaux, for the prosecution, said.

However, the plan to free the dolphin, named Rocky, who has performed at Morecambe Marineland Oceanarium, Lancashire, for 18 years and weighs a quarter of a ton, misfired. Staff at the nearby Midland Hospital saw suspicious activity and alerted the police who chased and arrested four men.

Morecambe Crown Court was told the men had hired a car for the operation. When police inspected it, it had smelt of fish. Miss Ruaux said the dolphin was used to fish as a reward for obeying instructions from his trainer.

One of the defendants, James Buckner, aged 54, of Bicester, Oxfordshire, was alleged to have told the police that equipment in the car was intended to release the dolphin. He had said they were members of the Animal Liberation Front, Miss Ruaux said. She alleged that the dolphin net had been stolen from Marineland.

Mr Buckner, of St Joseph Souldern, Bicester, Oxfordshire, denies conspiracy, along with Barry Horne, aged 36, of Mel Broughton, aged 28, and James O'Donnell, aged 20, all of Northampton.

The case continues today.

Worker dismissed on holiday fights for job

News International did not take enough care when dismissing workers during the Wapping dispute to ensure notices were not sent to workers who were either sick or on holiday, it was claimed yesterday at an industrial tribunal.

Mr Thomas Good, aged 45, of Goswell Road, Islington, north London, is claiming reinstatement to the company because it dimissed him the day after he went on holiday to Spain in January, 1986. The company admitted at a hearing last June that Mr Good, an engineer's assistant, had been unfairly dismissed. They offered him statutory compensation of £8,300 based on his length of service.

Mr Tudor Hopkins, News International's human resources director, said yesterday the notices were sent after negotiations with the unions had broken down and there was no prospect of an agreement. The hearing continues today.

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Awards to conserve rural life

Projects to conserve a vulnerable tourist attraction and to create a working farm museum won top prizes in *The Times*/Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors conservation award scheme.

The Peak Park Joint Planning Board and Severn-Trent Water Authority came first in the environmental class for its management of tourist pressures in the Upper Derwent Valley, in keeping with this year's theme of the conservation of coast and countryside.

The top award in the educational class went to Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council for the restoration of Sandwell Park Farm, West Midlands, as a working museum of nineteenth-century farm life.

Mr David Yorke, president of the institution, and Mr Charles Wilson, editor of *The Times*, said the entrants had shown a satisfying regard for the need to protect both the countryside and the interests of farmers and landowners.

Awards to six projects were presented last night by Lord St Davids. Spectrum, page 13

Salary increases

Company directors ahead of inflation

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Company directors received average salary increases of 18 per cent during the latest round of rises and more than two million workers got 7 per cent or above, according to a survey.

The list of directors' pay increases is boosted by the 296.3 per cent rise paid to Mr Hervey de Carmoy, of the Midland Bank, giving him a total salary during the year of £748,458.

Overall there has been a higher level of pay settlements throughout the country, with the biggest increases in the financial sector and in specific occupations, such as computer operators.

The survey, carried out by the Labour Research Department, which is funded by trade unions, says company profits are still high.

Although workers have gained higher percentage increases than last year, company directors had been granted even greater percentage increases.

The Labour Research Department examined 359 collective agreements in the private and public sectors, covering about 10 million workers.

It found that a third of agreements, covering two million workers, settled for pay increases of 7 per cent or above, while half received 5.88 per cent or more. Public sector workers gained larger pay increases than their private sector counterparts.

The survey says the non-manual sector put upward pressure on pay settlements, where 15 per cent of agreements were settled at or above 8 per cent and a further 37 per cent settled in the 6 to 7 per cent range.

One non-manual worker in ten received pay increases of 11.6 per cent or more.

The survey shows that workplaces recording the highest increases on basic rates this year were Refuge Assurance (24.7 per cent), Scottish Municipal Assurance (17.49 per cent), Jaguar, staff (14.2 per cent), Johnson Matthey (13.75 per cent) and Legal and General (11.5 per cent).

Of industrial sectors, banking insurance and finance stood out as receiving the highest percentage increases in the 1987/88 pay round.

The survey monitored 31 agreements (356,000 workers) and found a mid-point increase of 7.25 per cent.

The settlement level was led by the clearing banks, which appeared to have established a "pay floor" of 7 per cent.

Major increases were: Trustee Savings Bank (9.92 per cent), Royal Bank of Scotland (9.20 per cent), Co-operative Bank (8.89 per cent), Barclays (8.39 per cent), National Westminster (7.70 per cent), Clydesdale (7.25 per cent), Lloyds, Midland and Yorkshire banks (7 per cent).

The research department says the main pressure producing these increases has been a demand for staff and problems in recruitment and retention.

The sector also paid record London weighting increases and new payments for the South-east.

The report says that while both manual and non-manual workers have gained pay increases in excess of the inflation rate, for the past two years employers have made profits averaging between three and four times the rate of inflation and company directors have seen their pay increase substantially.

At the end of the first quarter of 1988 company profits were up by 15.9 per cent on the previous year "and directors have reaped the main rewards".

Last night the Institute of Directors said the average salary increase for directors reported by the department "comes as a surprise".

A spokesman said: "Where directors have benefited to that sort of degree, the sum has usually included profit-related pay and bonus schemes, not just basic salary increases.

"These days the pay of directors is very much related to company performance and increases are justified.

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Bombing breaks peace of 'gold coast'

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The two explosions that devastated Sir Kenneth Bloomfield's home will have sent a shudder of apprehension through the middle-class inhabitants of Northern Ireland's "gold coast".

The 20-mile stretch of coastline along Belfast Lough contains some of the province's most expensive housing and is home to a host of potential terrorist targets, including senior Civil Servants, judges, police and prison officers, wealthy lawyers and businessmen. However, places in North Down such as Cultra, Hollywood, Crawfordsburn, Stormont and Helen's Bay, where Sir Kenneth lives, are affluent areas that have remained largely untouched by the troubles of the past 20 years.

Such areas were considered safe and their closeness to Stormont Castle, heart of the British administration, led many government officials to live along the Lough. The people there are often described as the "North Down Brits" because so many come from the mainland.

Yesterday, one official said: "If there was any area where people felt relatively safe, it was along this particular part of the coast. It had been isolated from the worst of the trouble and if you were look for a safe spot in all Northern Ireland, it was here."

However, the attack on Sir Kenneth's home will undoubtedly have caused unease in many homes, both among Civil Servants working at the Northern Ireland Office and others worried that the troubles may be spilling over into their previously "safe" world.

They will be particularly concerned that the terrorists can collect the information necessary for planting their bombs in what is an overwhelmingly middle-class and Protestant area, at least five miles from the strongly republican Short Strand enclave and even further from West Belfast.

Telecom fibre optic breakthrough

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

British Telecom announced a breakthrough yesterday which it said had given it a world lead in telecommunications technology.

Engineers at the company's research laboratories at Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, have found a way of boosting by 10 times the number of telephone calls that can be beamed down a single optical fibre.

Present optical fibre technology, which grew from pioneering work by British scientists in the 1960s, enables up to 7,600 telephone calls to be made simultaneously on a single fibre the width of a hair.

Telecom and its rivals in Europe, the United States and Japan have been searching for a simple way of increasing the amount of telecommunication traffic on their networks.

Telecom told an international conference at Brighton that it had carried out the first practical demonstration of the technique, which enables a single fibre to carry more than 75,000 calls.

The technique involves light from the laser beam used to send messages along the fibres being split into many different frequencies. Different messages can then be sent using different frequencies of light.

Telecom engineers carried out the experiment on a 176-kilometre length of optical fibre between Cambridge and Bedford.

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Hurd leads call for tougher firearms law as 'mini Hungerford' rampage baffles parents

Youth in triple shooting had a gun licence at 17

By Craig Seton

Anthony Haskett, the teenager who shot and wounded three youths before killing himself in Walsall, West Midlands, was only 17 when police granted him a certificate to hold the shotgun he used in the apparently motiveless rampage.

Yesterday, the parents of the former Army cadet said they were "totally taken by surprise" by what their son, aged 18, had done.

Haskett opened fire with the shotgun in a street early on Sunday, hitting three young people, and then calmly placed it beneath his chin and fired as a police patrol closed in.

Mr Ronald Haskett and his wife Doreen said in a statement: "Anthony was a very stable young man who was conscientious and hard-working. We hope someone will come forward to throw light on what has happened as we feel that something must have caused him to act in the way he did".

West Midlands police confirmed that the youth was granted a shotgun certificate on November 25 last year, 10 weeks after his seventeenth birthday.

Officers who described his shotgun attack as a "mini Hungerford" remained baffled as to why the apparently ordinary and hard-working youth suddenly went berserk.

The Police Federation questioned why someone of Haskett's age owned a legally held shotgun.

His possession of the single-barrel, 12-bore weapon also brought renewed calls for tougher gun laws and raised questions over the effectiveness of the new Firearms Bill, which was brought forward in the wake of the Hungerford massacre.

Although there is no age limit for applicants for a shotgun certificate, no one under the age of 17 is allowed to buy a shotgun and no one under 15 is allowed to carry one assembled.

It was understood yesterday that Haskett waited until his seventeenth birthday before applying for the licence and was judged to be fit to own a shotgun.

But West Midlands police confirmed that Haskett had a conviction for causing criminal damage to a statue at his former school. Blue Coat Comprehensive, in Walsall. The offence was committed in February, several months after the shotgun certificate was granted.

Haskett appeared before Walsall magistrates, and was conditionally discharged for 12 months. He was ordered to pay £650 compensation and £10 costs. The court heard that he had swung on the statue as a "lark".

Supt Martin Burton said yesterday that Haskett's character had been looked into before he was granted a shotgun certificate.

Police remained mystified about the motive for Haskett's shooting spree after a heavy drinking session in Walsall late on Saturday night and early Sunday.

Paul Gould, aged 18, one of the youths shot by Haskett, was comfortable in a Walsall hospital yesterday. He had 58 pellet wounds to his body. Two other youths were released after treatment.

A crossbow, a starting pistol, an air gun, a "survival knife", together with camouflage jackets and cream, were recovered from his council home in Walsall.

Police also recovered the sawn-off barrel and sawn-off stock from the shotgun. Haskett is believed to have shortened the weapon shortly before setting out for the town centre where he opened fire.

Haskett, who was in an Army cadet unit for two years until he was 16, is believed to have spent the night drinking in Walsall public houses before returning home at midnight to collect his shotgun.

He returned to the town centre and approached three youths and fired what police believe was a single shot.

After confronting the occupants of a car, Haskett turned as a police van on routine patrol approached. As it came slowly to within 12 ft of him, he put the shotgun to his chin.

Haskett was a general worker at Bob Heath Visors, a company making motor cycle helmet visors.

Mr Bob Heath, the managing director, said: "He was a nice kid and an excellent worker."



Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, inspecting rifles and revolvers surrendered during the gun amnesty when he visited the Cannon Row police station in London yesterday. He said that the Walsall shooting incident illustrated the need for strengthening firearms laws (Photograph: Marc Aspland).

Accord on seizing drugs trade assets

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, yesterday urged international co-operation to seize the assets of drug traffickers. Then he flew to Switzerland to help prepare an agreement on action against drugs traffickers.

Laws passed by both countries to enable courts to trace, freeze and seize the traffickers' assets are to be extended to allow funds in one country to be seized on behalf of the other. The agreement is expected to be signed later this year.

Mr Hurd, who was opening IPEC '88, an international police exhibition and conference in London, said: "Drug traffickers will only be beaten by cutting off the funds on which their organizations depend".

The Drug Trafficking Offences Act has been in force for 20 months. In that time, £10 million of assets had been frozen pending possible convictions. "We estimate that some £1.5 million has already been confiscated in total. That is a good start", he said.

"But if this approach is to be fully effective there must be international agreement. The British drug trafficker is not always so obliging as to keep his assets here at home within reach of the British courts.

"That is why our Act provides powers to freeze and confiscate proceeds at the request of foreign governments, or for them to do so at our request, under reciprocal agreements."

Britain's first agreement to make use of those powers was signed with the United States on February 9 and others had since been signed with Australia, Canada and the Bahamas. A memorandum of understanding was signed yesterday between British and Russian Customs' chiefs to enable full co-operation between the two countries against international drug trafficking. The impetus came from preliminary negotiations between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Gorbachov 18 months ago in Russia.

Earlier Mr Hurd inspected a selection of guns handed in to the Metropolitan Police under an arms amnesty. During the first week, 9,000 weapons and 200,000 rounds of ammunition were handed in at police stations throughout England and Wales.

Mr Hurd said a booby trapped incendiary bomb from the Second World War was handed in at Romford, Essex. A man had kept it in his garage.

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A quarter share in the daily Portfolio prize of £4,000 could not have come at a better time for Mr Stephen Slaughter, aged 39, from Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

"I am overjoyed", he said. "It has come at just the right time because I'm going to the Costa del Sol soon."

The other winners were Mrs Jane Finn, aged 35, from Londonderry, Northern Ireland; Mrs Rachael Amos, from Ilminster, Somerset; and Miss Christina Raeuchle, from South Kensington, west London.

£650,000 VAT fraud case

Conspirator dies of coronary

By Michael Horsnell

A man convicted of conspiracy in a £650,000 value-added tax fraud died from a heart attack only hours after hearing the jury's verdict, it was disclosed yesterday.

Wilfred Grant, aged 51, was taken to hospital from Brixton Prison, where he was held in custody, on Saturday. He was to have been sentenced at Southwark Crown Court in London yesterday.

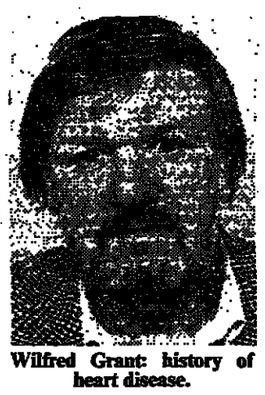
The scrap metal dealer, who had a history of heart disease, was declared dead on arrival at King's College Hospital, south London.

Grant, a father of five, from Bexleyheath, east London, was found guilty of conspiracy to cheat and taking part in various value-added tax offences between March 1979 and April 1986.

He had helped to mastermind the fraud, which involved, among others, a former high-ranking Customs officer.

He was part of a team of fraudsters who evaded paying more than £650,000 tax on scrap metal and gold coins smuggled from the tax haven of Jersey.

Lawyers suggested yesterday that Grant's conviction may have to be quashed because he died before sentence could be passed.



Wilfred Grant: history of heart disease.

A suggestion that he may not have been given his prescribed medication while in custody is expected to be examined at his inquest.

Mr Peter Gribble, Grant's counsel, said the jury would not be told of the death until they had returned final verdicts.

Seven other men, including Barry Terry, aged 43, a former chief inspector of Customs, of Vaughan Close, Hampton, west London, were also found guilty on Saturday of conspiracy charges relating to the fraud.

Another member of the gang, Terrence Cross, aged 38, a car dealer, of Maldon, Essex, absconded after giving evidence.

The jury found him guilty in his absence of three conspiracy charges relating to the sale of gold coins.

Meanwhile, Graham Branton, aged 34, a former Customs officer, became the ninth man — and second Customs official — to be convicted of conspiracy yesterday.

Branton, now unemployed, of Englefield Green, Surrey, used his position to "escort" members of the gang smuggling gold through Heathrow Airport without being detected, the court was told.

Those already found guilty are: Robert Elvin, aged 50, unemployed, of Welling, east London; Robert Herrington, aged 35, unemployed, of Abbey Wood, east London; and Andrew Roberts, aged 31, a commodity broker, of St Helier, Channel Islands.

Roy Mathias, aged 50, a vending machine operator, of Enfield, north London; Ian Ramage, aged 40, a car dealer, of Burnham Close, Enfield; George Bloomfield, aged 49, a scrap metal dealer, of Brook Drive, Ruislip, west London were also convicted.

Yacoub to operate on Papandreou

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister was undergoing "pre-operative" treatment in Harefield Hospital, west London yesterday.

Professor Magdi Yacoub, one of the world's leading heart surgeons, is to perform a heart valve replacement operation as soon as Mr Papandreou, aged 69, is fit enough.

Mr Papandreou is suffering from aorta stenosis, a restriction in a main artery which will have to be replaced by an artificial valve. Harefield Hospital said the operation was fairly routine.

The Greek Embassy said yesterday that Mr Papndreou had chosen Professor Yacoub on the recommendation of the medical advisers who accompanied him to England 19 days ago.

Mr Papandreou has suffered minor circulation problems in other organs, including the kidney and liver, as a result of his heart condition.

"He is being examined daily and will be operated on as soon as he is in the right condition", the embassy said. He is expected to stay in hospital for ten days after the operation and will then convalesce for a few days before returning to Greece "as soon as possible".

The embassy said that Mr Papandreou was being treated privately at Harefield Hospital. The full treatment costs are expected to be covered by the Greek Government.

'No fault' in helicopter of TV presenter

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

The wreckage of the Robinson 22 helicopter in which Mike Smith and Sarah Greene, the television presenters, were badly injured was being reassembled last night at the Department of Transport's Air Accident Investigation Branch at Farnborough, Hampshire.

A preliminary examination of the crashed aircraft indicated there was nothing mechanically wrong before it crashed among trees as it prepared to land at Prescott House, near Gotherington, Gloucestershire.

The wreckage was examined briefly at the site.

Crash investigators are waiting to interview Mr Smith, who broke an ankle and suffered concussion. Miss Greene broke both legs and an arm.

The girl with a school all to herself

Anna White, aged five, is the only pupil at Ashford-in-the-Water Primary School near Bakewell, Derbyshire.

Staff at the school include a teacher and a part-time teacher, a cleaner, two women who escort Anna to lunch at the local institute, a taxi driver who delivers her meal, two women who serve the food and a secretary — all at a cost of about £20,000 a year.

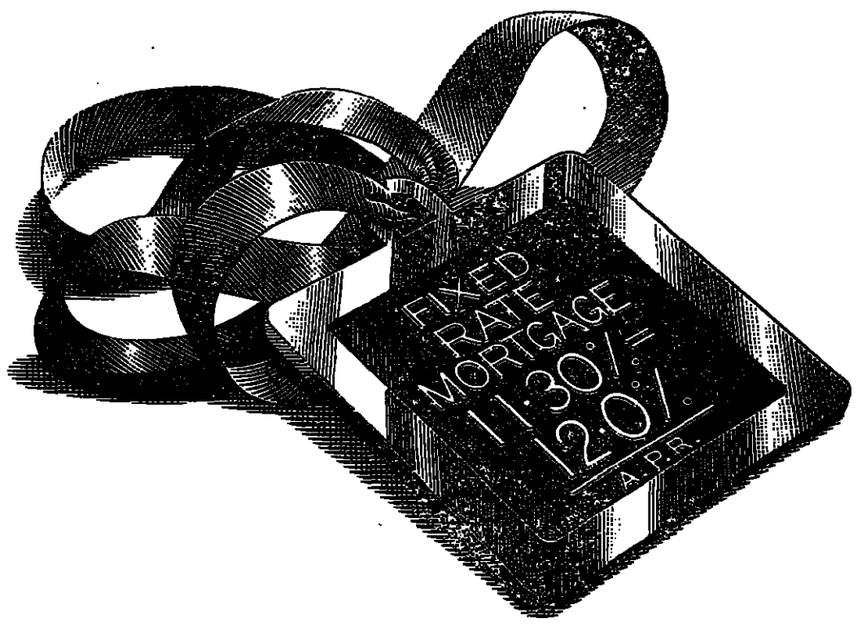
County councillors and school governors are trying to decide how much longer the local authority and the Church of England can continue to keep the school open. Anna was left alone at the 360-year-old school in the tiny hamlet when parents transferred the 12 other pupils to different schools.

A parish councillor said: "The village has become a haven for the well-to-do in recent years. They come here to retire or if they are young enough to have young children they have them educated privately."

Mrs Daisy McCrindle, a councillor, said: "It's just that her mother wanted her to go to the village school for convenience and to avoid paying bus fares", she said.

The Rev Gerald Phizackerley, chairman of the school governors and vicar of Ashford, said: "The school can't be closed until we have gone through the correct procedures".

● Six young sisters were parted for the first time yesterday when they started primary school. The Walton girls, the world's only surviving all-girl sextuplets, started school at St George's Primary in Wallasey, Merseyside. They turn five on November 18.



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SAS chief denies being given 'death warrant'

The mother of Mairead Farrell, shot dead in Gibraltar, said today that her daughter once told her: "You know, I could be shot".

Speaking on Irish radio as the inquest into the deaths of her daughter, Sean Savage and Daniel McCann continued, Mrs Farrell – also named Mairead – said the three could have been arrested.

Mrs Farrell said she had worried all the time about her daughter, who had served a 10-year jail term for a terrorist bombing offence.

"She was at university and I always worried about it because it was in a 'loyalist' area and she had to go there practically every day. That is what I worried about. So many people have been shot."

Speaking of the "shattering news" of her daughter's death, she said: "It was absolutely unbelievable".

Mrs Farrell described Mairead as "very political and very involved. It would not have mattered what I said to her. I do not think she would have taken any advice. She knew that I would not want her to be on active service."

She said Mairead had been "interested in Ireland" since she was a young girl. "Her five brothers are not involved in anything like that – they are all too fond of having a good time."

The family had been "astounded" when Mairead was first arrested in connection with a Belfast bombing.

"To us when she was sentenced it was like the end of the world. She got 14 years, and because of protests she lost her remission.

"She was a very loving daughter. There is a war on as far as she was concerned – as far as we are all concerned."

An SAS officer denied yesterday that the regiment's motto, "Who Dares Wins", had been widely corrupted to "Who cares who wins?".

The suggestion was made at the Gibraltar Coroner's Court by Mr Paddy McGrory, counsel for the families of the three IRA terrorists shot dead by the SAS on March 6. He asked if the corruption implied that being in the SAS was all about action.

Soldier F, the officer who ordered the SAS operation against the terrorists, said he had heard of the corrupted

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motto, but believed the *Daily Express* had coined it, not soldiers.

Mr McGrory asked F what the proper regimental motto meant to him.

"It conveys to me that in operational matters there are certain risks to be taken", he said. "Any operational decisions involve an element of choice. If you make the right choices, then you are successful."

Mr McGrory asked F to explain differences in training between the SAS and other soldiers.

"I think the first point to make is that all soldiers in the Special Air Service have already served in other sections of the British Army", he said.

"Therefore, in strictly military terms and in terms of military training, they arrive for selection as well-trained soldiers.

"They are very carefully selected over a period of some months and they are selected not just for their military skills and their special skills but also selected for their stability, their common-sense, their maturity and their ability to cope with stress – either physical or mental.

"It is to that degree that I believe SAS soldiers are more highly trained than other soldiers."

F rejected Mr McGrory's suggestion that cunning and stealth played a significant part in training and selection.

SAS soldiers were not the only ones in the British Army trained to take part in ambushes, he said, nor were the most successful ambushes necessarily those where there were no survivors.

"The SAS are trained to fire very accurately in certain circumstances normally associated with counter-terrorism if the threat merits it", he said.

Mr McGrory said: "Of course, ambushes may be successful if there are survivors, but in wartime conditions the most successful one is when there are no suvivors."

F replied: "I would dispute that. It depends entirely on the conditions. There may be ambushes designed to apprehend people."

F said he had given SAS soldiers lectures on the rule of law, including the use of minimum force. An SAS man was trained in the sensible application of force.

He would not regard Northern Ireland as a war-like situation. Nor was there one in Gibraltar last March. The SAS men were there to aid civil power and were bound by the rules of engagement.

He agreed with Mr McGrory that the SAS had arrested armed men in Northern Ireland without shooting them.

Mr McGrory: "It strikes me that the burden of your evidence has been to play down the ferocity of this particular regiment in the way they are expected to act in the cause of their country – that you are trying to make the SAS no *different from any other infantry unit.*"

F: "I do not think my [answers] have implied that."

He agreed that a cult had grown up about the SAS. "It is very much not to our liking", he said. Mr McGrory: "Would you accept the concept that the SAS is a high priesthood of violence charged with dangerous and brutal duties in the cause of the state?"

F: "I do not accept that as a definition."

He said the Ministry of Defence had decided to send the SAS to Gibraltar because it was felt that the police in Gibraltar did not have the resources to cope with the IRA threat.

F said the SAS received a preliminary briefing in the Ministry of Defence building in London, conducted by security services officers including O, the MI5 section chief who gave evidence to the inquest last week. There had been briefings that did not include the Gibraltar police, but equally there had been briefings that did not include the SAS.

The SAS was told the three IRA terrorists would be armed and carrying a detonation device to set off a bomb.

On the day of the shooting, Mairead Farrell and Danny McCann had been under surveillance for one and a half hours, and Sean Savage for three.

Mr McGrory: "Is this not the kind of situation which would be absolutely ideal for an arrest operation?"

F: "Not necessarily, because in crowded streets there are others present. You have to take note of the presence of innocent members of the public."

Mr McGrory: "Is it always possible in that sort of situation to get your men right up to the suspect?"

F: "Yes, in theory. It is possible to get close."

Mr McGrory: "Right up to their elbow?"

F: "Yes, given the ideal *circumstances, it would* be possible. Indeed, it was the plan to get as close as possible before issuing the challenge and making the terrorists aware they were under arrest."

Mr McGrory asked F about the number of people on the ground during the operation. F said that in addition to soldiers A to D, there were other teams of soldiers and surveillance operatives on the ground.

Mr McGrory asked him if there could have been an arrest on the Spanish border. "If there had been an indication of both the car and the type of car and the movement, intended movement and detailed movement of the terrorists, then the area of the border and the airport would indeed have been the preferred area to make the arrest", F said.

Mr McGrory asked whether the trio could not have been allowed to reach the border area as they left Gibraltar. F agreed it was a plausible theory that they could have been allowed to walk or run towards the border, but events were precipated by the actions of the terrorists.

"They (the soldiers) were already moving for the arrest of the three when the split occurred. With the threat those three people posed, you cannot take a chance with the lives of people in Gibraltar.

"We did not know which of the three had the initiation device. In that sort of arrest operation you have to arrest all three together to minimize the threat."

F said the advisory group set up to run the operation was established before March 4. He was told to become a member by the Ministry of Defence in London after military assistance was requested by the authorities in Gibraltar. He agreed that the SAS was not the choice of Mr Joseph Canepa, Gibraltar's police chief.

F said there were four radio sets in the Gibraltar control room on March 6. He believed the police commissioner and other people in the room could have heard his exchanges with soldiers on the ground because they came over on a telephone-like handset and the operator repeated them.

Mr McGrory asked F whether he had ever heard of the IRA using a radio detonation device over a distance of about a mile.

F said he had not heard of every IRA bombing operation and his reply would be incomplete. After the question was repeated, he said: "No, I have never heard of one".

F said that while the terrorists walked towards the border, Mr Canepa signed a form handing control to the military.

Mr McGrory: "It was a death warrant".

F: "It was not a death warrant".

Decline in appeals over grades hailed as sign of success for GCSE

By Douglas Broom
Education Reporter

Parents should set a regular bedtime for schoolchildren, says a pamphlet intended as a pilot publication for all British families.

It also advises parents to discuss schoolwork with their child each day, to get to know the teachers and to raise problems with the school before they become too serious. Parents should also try to help in the running of the school.

Copies of the pamphlet are being sent free to the parents of every child starting school in Dyfed and Mid-Glamorgan. *Dear Parent* (Welsh Consumer Council, Castle Buildings, Womanby Street, Cardiff, CF1 2BN; £1).

A drop of a third in the number of appeals against grades awarded by the first examination board to issue its GCSE results was hailed yesterday as evidence of widespread parental satisfaction with the new tests.

The Northern Ireland Schools Examinations Council said the number of appeals it had received was down by a third on last year, the final year of the old O level/CSE system.

Although the deadline for submission of GCSE appeals in the province is Friday, Mr Thomas Jamison, the board's senior assistant secretary, said the appeal rate reflected "general satisfaction" with the new examination.

If the trend is repeated in England and Wales it will provide a boost to the fortunes of the GCSE, which has been damaged by complaints over late marks and allegations of grade-rigging.

It will also mean that those appeals that are lodged will be dealt with more quickly, board sources said yesterday.

The boards had predicted that the change-over from O level and CSE would lead to a rash of appeals by schools, pupils and parents dissatisfied with the grades awarded. The final three years of the old system had seen a steady rise in the number of appeals, fuelling fears that the introduction of GCSE would make matters worse.

Mr Jamison said: "Although we do not have the final figures it looks as though the number of appeals will be down this year by about a third.

"I think this reflects a general satisfaction with the examination on the part of parents, pupils and teachers. We are very pleased that we appear to have hit the right standard in the first year of the new exam." He attributed the low level of appeals to the fact that parents had a good idea of their children's final grades from the marks they had been awarded for coursework completed throughout their two years of GCSE studies.

"The introduction of coursework has given teachers a better idea of how their pupils would perform so there have been fewer nasty surprises when the final examination grades came in", Mr Jamison said.

Mr Dennis Hatfield, chairman of the Joint Council for the GCSE, said: "I am very pleased – this news could not have come at a better time.

"I just hope it is repeated on this side of the water."

He also appealed to parents and pupils to be patient if they had lodged appeals against GCSE grades.

Although the closing date in England and Wales is October 1 many have already been lodged.

Mr Hatfield said: "The postal strike means that not only have appeals not been received, but there are enormous difficulties getting scripts out to examiners to be re-marked."

The postal disruption had made it impossible to say at this stage how many appeals there would be in England and Wales.

Spotting the heads in the crowd



Apparently vying for air among a colourful host of giant blooms yesterday are hundreds of gardeners who flocked to the opening day of the National Chrysanthemum Society's show at Westminster. The show, in the Royal Horticultural Society's New Hall, Greycoat Street, is open today from 10am to 5pm. Show report, page 16 (Photograph: James Morgan).

Jackson's future in doubt as tour ends

Michael Jackson flew out of Britain yesterday, his voice and his publicity machine apparently exhausted.

The world's most highly-paid pop star brought his European tour to a muted end, dressed in a modest anorak and refusing to comment about his future as he left Heathrow.

Jackson is reputedly giving up live tours to concentrate on film work. As he rushed to board a Concorde flight to New York, he was asked whether he enjoyed the marathon tour. He pointed to his throat.

When it was suggested he might have a message for his British fans he pointed to his neck with a pained expression.

Rape 'ignored'

A woman aged 26 was raped by three men as she walked home from a public house in Southend, Essex, early on Sunday morning. Police said residents near the footpath where she was attacked heard screams but "chose to do nothing about it".

£247,000 case

Ray Magara, aged 40, a former Ugandan diplomat, of Finchley Road, Hampstead, north-west London, was remanded in custody until next Tuesday when he appeared before Bow Street magistrates yesterday, charged with dishonestly obtaining a £247,000 mortgage.

Diamond hint

Anne Diamond, the TV-am presenter, announced yesterday that she is to marry Mike Hollingsworth, the father of her child. However, Miss Diamond said during the recording of the Thames Television programme, *Donahue*, that she had not told Mr Hollingsworth.

Life sentence

A night-club employee was jailed for life yesterday for murdering his former girlfriend, William Taylor, aged 31, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, was convicted at the Central Criminal Court of strangling Jennifer Gibbons at a night-club in Bagshot, Surrey.

Princes 'Cox'

Prince William and Prince Henry have started competing in gymkhanas – under the names William and Harry Cox. They have taken the surname from Miss Marion Cox, their groom

Case delayed

The case against Le Gavroche, the restaurant in central London facing 15 summonses alleging breaches of food hygiene regulations, was adjourned yesterday until a special hearing in January.

TV-am abandons cartoon imports

By Andrew Billen

TV-am is to abandon imported children's programming from next month in response to criticism from the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

The troubled breakfast station, which has been told it will lose its franchise unless standards improve in the wake of an industrial dispute, will also increase the educational and regional content of its youth programmes.

In the first months of the dispute, in which 234 technicians were dismissed, the channel relied heavily on repeats of *Batman* and *Happy Days*, two old American children's series. It was already showing extracts from other imported series such as *Flipper*.

Although it has not shown *Batman* for months now, *Happy Days* is still shown at 8am on Sundays.

Yesterday TV-am said that no further episodes from either series and no other imported material would be broadcast. Even the screening of cartoon shorts would be confined to two British series, *Shoepeople* and *Wimpole Village*.

Although the *Wide Awake Club*, which last year won a TV Radio Industries Club award but has recently been the subject of criticism for low standards, will be retained its information content is to be increased.

Timmy Mallet is to present regular spots looking at legends around the regions and the way things work. *Contributions from* Miss Carol Vorderman, a science expert, and Mr James Mckay, an animal expert, are to be increased.

● Radio 1 is to introduce its first comedy show, *Hey Radio*, on Fridays and feature an early evening quiz on Mondays from next month after the extension of its transmissions by two hours a night.

There will be a documentary on Tuesdays, a weekly arts review programme with John Walters on Wednesdays, and a repeat of Phillip Schofield's Sunday show on Thursdays.

£9m plot to make dreams come true

By Peter Davenport

A derelict, 3.5-acre inner city plot between Manchester and Salford overlooking the River Irwell, and which was once the site of a warehouse and railway depot, has been transformed into an unusual tourist attraction.

Granada Television has developed a "Hollywood on the Irwell", at a cost of almost £9 million, in response to the *hundreds of requests from* viewers wanting to visit the location of its best-known programmes, including *Coronation Street* and *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*.

Since it opened two months ago as an imaginative offshoot of the "industrial tourism" concept promoted by the Government, nearly 100,000 visitors paying up to £5.50 a head have passed through the turnstiles.

It is now expected that Granada Studio Tours could become the biggest tourist attraction in the North-west with up to a million visitors a year, *which in turn* would create jobs in the inner city area. The development has already led to the creation of 300 jobs in the city.

The cost of the project was met by a £750,000 grant from the English Tourist Board, £1.7 million raised from industrial and commercial sponsorship with the rest coming from Granada Television.

Mr Alan MacGregor, marketing manager for the complex, said: "We are the only television-based tourist attraction in Europe. We have around ten million people within a one-hour journey but because Granada sells programmes to so many overseas countries our potential market is unlimited.

"We are also writing to every school in the country *about the educational value of* the tour and the opportunity for children to find out what goes on behind the scenes of television."

Apart from the locations from *Coronation Street* and the Sherlock Holmes series, there is also the House of Commons set for programmes based on Jeffrey Archer's novel, *First Among Equals*.

Effects of post strike

Businessman to sue union

By David Sapsted

The first legal action arising out of the chaos caused by almost two weeks of the postal *workers' strike is due to be* launched in Taunton, Somerset, today.

Mr Robin Irwin, a businessman, said last night that, despite the peace formula agreed between the Union of Communication Workers and the Post Office, he intended to initiate a claim against the union for losses incurred because of the dispute.

In London, Mr Norris McWhirter, chairman of the Freedom Association, was also meeting with lawyers to *discuss the possibility of a* private prosecution against Mr Alan Tuffin, the postal workers's leader, alleging a breach of the 1953 Post Office Act by wilfully delaying the mail.

The case being brought by Mr Irwin will be lodged at the small claims court in Taunton in a bid to get compensation for the losses he says he has incurred because of the strike by workers at the local sorting office.

"If the case is successful, I shall consider taking the issue to the High Court", he said.

Mr Irwin, who lives in Corfe and runs a property development agency in Fiji, advertised for a partner in his business at the end of August but the strike has prevented replies getting through.

"I have to return to Fiji next week and, because of the strike, I am completely stuck. My action will only enable me to get back the costs of advertising, postage and so on but I feel an important principle is at stake."

The strike has also delayed *the delivery of more than* 30,000 ballot papers on industrial action to members of the Association of University Teachers.

An emergency meeting of the association's executive will be held on Friday to discuss the effects of the strike. Members have been asked to vote in favour of withdrawing their co-operation on staff assessment boards in universities and polytechnics all over the country to "register their dissatisfaction" over pay.

"We may have to decide to defer the closing date for *entries*", *a spokesman for the* union said yesterday.

Negotiations for a "modest" cost-of-living increase for university teachers have, according to the association, been blocked by the universities on the gounds that the colleges have no funds available for staff increases.

Another ballot spoiled by the dispute has been a vote by counter staff at post offices over management proposals either to close or sell off 750 post offices. The result of the *ballot was due to be announced* today but the action has resulted in an indefinite postponement.

Both the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise said yesterday that taxpayers who genuinely had cheques in the post would not be penalized because of the strike. "We will, however, be watching out for anyone who tries to use the dispute as an excuse for not paying up", the Inland Revenue said.

Genetic science could improve quality of beef

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The "lost" taste and texture of British beef may again become familiar, and the product cheaper, as a result of a combination of genetic science and a return to traditional breeds and grazing practices.

In recent years beef quality has suffered because much of it comes from dairy herds of Friesian and Holstein cattle which give high milk yields but provide inferior meat.

Attempts by farmers to get the best of both worlds by cross breeding with Continental cattle such as Charollais and Limousin have, in many people's opinion, only made matters worse. The meat is often coarse-grained and tough, feed costs are higher and there are many calving problems. Recent enthusiasm for the Belgian Blue, with its grotesquely large rump, means many calves have to be delivered by Caesarean section.

The gradual reduction in dairy herds since the imposition of milk quotas four years ago has given specialist beef producers new incentive. But the culling of dairy herds has pushed up the price of calves to a level which makes beef production uneconomical.

Animal Biotechnology Cambridge, a pioneer in embryo transfer, has joined forces with the North of Scotland College of Agriculture and Buchan Meat Producers, the largest farmer-owned co-operative of its kind in Britain, to form Scottish Beef Developments.

Embryos are fertilized from ovaries selected from high-quality heifers slaughtered at abattoirs. They are transplanted into surrogate mothers in the form of frozen "straws" similar to those used for artificial insemination.

The technique makes it possible for a Friesian cow to give birth to a "test tube" Hereford without loss of milk production.

The first calves are to be shown to the Press in Cambridge today and a new laboratory with a target of 50,000 embryos a year will be commissioned on the college's site at Craibstone, near Aberdeen, next month.

The development is expected to revive interest in breeds such as the Aberdeen Angus, Hereford and Red Poll.

Mr Akki Manson, chairman of Buchan Meat Producers, believes that not only will quality be improved, but beef could also regain the competitive edge which in recent years it has lost to poultry and pork.

Lawyers' image puts students off

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The poor image of the legal profession, coupled with a view that a solicitor's life is boring and office-bound, is deterring more than one in three law undergraduates from becoming lawyers, a survey shows..

The survey of 2,000 undergraduates at 13 universities, to be published later this week, sounds a warning note for *solicitors' firms* seeking to ease the present recruitment crisis.

It shows that of 2,000 undergraduates who were reading law, history or *economics, only just over 40* per cent intended to become solicitors and a further 6 per cent wanted to go to the Bar.

Nearly all – 96.5 per cent – of these potential lawyers were reading law. But as many as 34 per cent of law students wanted an alternative career; and many of those (40 per cent) cited the attitude or image of the profession as a dissuading factor.

The survey was carried out by Gouldens, the City firm, at a time when the profession faces an acute problem in *attracting enough students* to become articled clerks.

Miss Clare Deanesly, *partner in charge of articled clerk* recruitment at the firm, said: "A surprisingly high number of students volunteered the information that the further training involved had discouraged them, while a considerable proportion felt that the life of a solicitor was boring, monotonous or office-bound."

Even among those entering the profession, as many as 22 per cent of women felt it had a pompous and pedantic image.

Another alarming finding was that as many of 32 per cent of *men* and 27 per cent of women did not see the law as a long-term career and believed they would leave the profession after qualifying.

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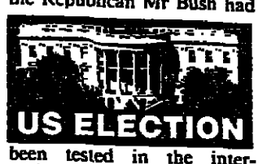
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Bush drafts Carter aide to strengthen foreign policy team

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Pressing home his advantage in foreign policy over his presidential campaign rival, Governor Michael Dukakis, Vice-President George Bush yesterday announced that he was setting up a senior advisory foreign policy group. It will include Dr Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's former National Security Adviser.

Dr Brzezinski, who denounced Mr Dukakis's view of world affairs as dangerous to the security of the United States, said that although he remained proud of his service under Mr Carter, a Democrat, the Republican Mr Bush had



been tested in the international arena. He would therefore be supporting his election campaign.

Other members of the task force are Dr Henry Kissinger and General Brent Scowcroft, President Ford's former National Security Adviser. Mr Bush said that the group embodied traditional bipartisanship in foreign policy, and his own policy would be based on "strength, dialogue and engagement."

His announcement, at the start of a five-day campaign tour across the country, was marred by the resignation yesterday of Mr Frederic Malek, a former White House personnel chief, who admitted that, at the request of President Nixon in 1971, he had counted the number of Jewish officials in the Bureau of Labour Statistics.

He said he was resigning to prevent any controversy marring the Bush campaign. Mr Bush said that he had great respect for him and that he was "without one ounce of bigotry in his make-up.

● **PHILADELPHIA:** Mr Dukakis abandoned his pose as the offended nice guy yesterday and tore into Mr Bush, ridiculing him as a disastrous incompetent who would lead the country further into economic and military decline (Charles Bremner writes).

Mr Dukakis chose the historic backdrop of Philadelphia to launch his counter-offensive against the Vice-President's personal invective.

Under President Reagan, with Mr Bush as Vice-President, he said America had lost the respect of the world, running into debt and selling out to drug dealers.

Looking slightly uncomfortable as he sought to strike a martial note, he promised to restore respect for America.

In trade, terrorism and drugs, "George Bush has failed ... he's willing to settle for second place. I want to crack down on terrorism. He knuckled under to the Ayatollah (Khomeini of Iran). I want a real war against drugs, his answer to drug kingpins like (General) Noriega is J. Danforth Quayle (Mr Bush's running mate)."

When it came to Iran, Mr Bush had recommended arms sales. "And he was disastrously and completely and unforgivably wrong." Mr Dukakis said in one of his sharpest attacks on the Vice-President of the campaign.

The Dukakis campaign hopes the new fighting tone will help halt the slide at the hands of the masterly Bush strategy of hard-hitting attacks on the personality and background of the Massachusetts Governor.

Mr Dukakis said that, under the Reagan Administration, an "avalanche of drugs was pouring across our borders and dictators like Noriega can thumb their nose at diplomats and law officers ... the highest officials of our land betray American ideals and values by selling arms to a terrorist nation."

In the Dukakis world view, curbing the deficit is the key to American strength on the international scene, and he is depicted by his opponent as dangerously naïve in world affairs. He is setting out this week to counter this charge

● **Burrowing missiles:** The Pentagon has ordered the development of nuclear weapons that burrow underground before detonating, in order to demolish the Soviet Union's many buried command posts and shelters, the *Washington Times* reported yesterday (Mohsin Ali writes).

It quoted unnamed defence officials as saying that a recommendation to proceed with the highly classified project was made quietly last month by the Pentagon's top weapons-buying panel and was later approved by Mr Frank Carlucci, the Defence Secretary.

The Pentagon's annual report on "Soviet Military Power", released on April 29, said that the Soviet Union had constructed deep underground facilities beneath Moscow and elsewhere solely to protect the senior Soviet leadership from the effects of nuclear war.

Hostage wife's ordeal nearing its end



Frau Marlene Cordes, the wife of the West German businessman held hostage in West Beirut, being escorted by police from her home in Frankfurt yesterday following news of plans for his impending release after almost 20 months in captivity.

Captain of hijack jet tells of murder

From Tony Catterall
Frankfurt

The cruelty inflicted on the passengers and crew of a Trans World Airlines plane three years ago during a hijacking was described yesterday in a Frankfurt court.

Mr John Leigh Testrake, aged 60, the captain of the hijacked aircraft, was giving evidence in the trial of Muhammad Ali Hammadei, a Lebanese accused of air piracy and murder.

During the time his aircraft was in the power of the two hijackers, he said, he gained the impression that Hammadei "enjoyed inflicting violence on the crew and passengers."

He also had the impression that Hammadei had been the one who murdered a young US Navy diver, Robert Stetham, as a way of exerting pressure on the authorities at Beirut airport to refuel the Boeing 727 airliner. But he had not seen the fatal shot being fired.

Hammadei was arrested at Frankfurt airport in January last year, carrying liquid explosives in his hand luggage. In a successful attempt to prevent his extradition to the United States for trial, the militant Hezbollah group kidnapped two West Germans in Beirut, releasing one, Herr Alfred Schmidt, after Bonn decided to try him in West Germany.

Captain Testrake described how the two hijackers burst into the cockpit, armed with a pistol and two hand grenades, shortly after take-off from Athens on June 14, 1985.

"They began to very severely beat a young man," he said. "We later discovered it was the young man Stetham. There was no need for this violence as we were doing everything to fulfill their demands." It was a comment he repeated often during his evidence.

"During the flight to Beirut both hijackers engaged in beating the young man. One used the armrest from a seat, the other supported himself in a doorway and jumped up and down repeatedly, landing with his full weight on the young man's chest."

The violence continued at the airport until the authorities agreed to refuel the aircraft for a further flight to Algiers "where a somewhat similar scenario followed", this time with a major in the US Army Reserve.

Once refuelling was completed the airliner returned to Beirut. On the flight Mr Stetham was violently beaten.

The authorities in Beirut refused landing permission, and blocked the runway with a row of heavy lorries. The lorries were ultimately removed. It was during the second stop at Beirut that Mr Stetham was murdered.

After the murder, the aircraft was boarded by members of the Lebanese Amal militia before flying again to Algiers. All the passengers and crew were robbed before the airliner set off again for Beirut.

Children 'paying price of conflict'

From Roger Boyes
Rome

A frightening picture of global child exploitation and abuse has been emerging this week from an international conference in Rimini.

It is. Dr Yvonne Gemayel, a special delegate from Lebanon, emphasized in a speech at the weekend, a quiet time in Beirut but during three months this year — April, May and June — 17 corpses of small children were found in the city's corridors and stairwells.

The raw statistics from Lebanon show how children have become the prime victims of civil war. Since 1975, 700,000 Lebanese children have been injured, 17,000 disappeared, 100,000 have been orphaned, 14,000 kidnapped (10,000 of whom were later found dead) and 100,000 are armed street fighters.

Other speakers in Rimini told yesterday of the imprisonment of minors — 11,000 in South Africa between 1984 and 1986 — of child beggars (50,000 in Ethiopia) and abandoned street children (40 million in Latin America).

There was an understandable vagueness about the figures, since many countries have no serious way of counting casualties or homeless people, nor recording the age of children involved.

The organizer of the conference, the Pope John XXIII Association, has built a network of homes for abandoned or abused children and set up an international clearing house for adoption.

Don Oreste Benzi, leading light of the group, estimates there is about one million rootless children in Italy, or 7 per cent of the 13.5 million minors.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Britain convinced of chemicals' use

Britain said yesterday that there was compelling evidence that Iraq has used chemical weapons on its Kurdish population over the past few weeks (Nicholas Beeston writes). A *Foreign Office spokesman said:* "We are now regarding the weight of evidence of the use of chemical weapons as compelling. This is, of course, a case for great concern."

The British representative to the United Nations, Sir Crispin Tickell, made clear yesterday to the UN Secretary General, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, that Britain and other Western nations are seeking an urgent independent investigation into the allegations.

The Foreign Office spokesman added that Britain commended the "Turkish Government's action to relieve the suffering of the refugees".

● **Airline protest:** About 20 demonstrators were arrested yesterday after they barricaded themselves inside the Iraqi Airways offices in Regent Street, London. They are believed to have been Kurdish students protesting at Iraq's reported use of chemical weapons.

Food for cosmonauts

Moscow (Reuter) — A cargo craft, Progress 38, docked with the orbiting Soviet space station Mir early yesterday, with fuel, food, equipment and mail for two cosmonauts already nine months into a record one-year in space, Tass said.

The supplies were for Mr Vladimir Titov and Mr Musa Manarov, who have been on board the space laboratory since December 21, and Dr Valery Polyakov, who was sent up last month to monitor their health. The two cosmonauts are attempting to beat the previous space endurance record of 326 days

Botha's Six 'solution'

Johannesburg — President Botha of South Africa might seek to solve his dilemma over the Sharpeville Six by commuting their death sentences to terms of life imprisonment, *The Star* reported yesterday (Michael Hornsby writes).

He might also and at the same grant clemency to two, and possibly four, white policemen sentenced to hang for the murder of blacks, the newspaper said. The solution was being "mooted at the highest level of government", but awaited a judgement in last week's Appeal Court move by the Six to have their trial re-opened.

Warning by Howe on rights in Kenya

From Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent
Nairobi

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday gave an implicit warning to President Moi of Kenya that the economy of his country could suffer if criticism of its human rights record continues.

Arrests by the Kenyan Government of figures linked to a banned opposition movement, coupled with constitutional changes limiting the independence of the judiciary and giving police greater powers, have drawn attacks from abroad, particularly the US.

Sir Geoffrey, visiting Kenya on the third leg of his six-nation African tour, was careful to say nothing which could be taken as endorsement of the criticism.

He praised Kenya's record of tolerance, free speech and human rights as "very good indeed", but said that, because of this, it was judged by the highest standards.

Sir Geoffrey said he underlined in his talks with the President that economic freedom was closely connected to political freedom.

But he did not raise the case of Mr Oginga Odinga, the suspected leader of the MwaKenya movement. His arrest recently has increased concern that Kenya is becoming a more authoritarian society.

MwaKenya, a Swahili acronym meaning Union of Nationalists to Liberate Kenya, is believed to be a small and ill-defined organization.

But the Government has shown that it fears that an attempt is being made to arouse the politically articulate Kikuyu tribe into some form of armed insurrection.

Earlier this month a nephew of former President Kenyatta, Mr Andrew Kibathi Muigai, was jailed for six years after admitting membership of the organization. The sentence surprised diplomats because Mr Muigai is also the brother of a former assistant Minister of Agriculture.

Taken together with changes to the Constitution allowing police to hold suspects without charge for 14 days, and allowing the Government to dismiss judges, the moves against MwaKenya were seen by observers as an over-reaction.

But Sir Geoffrey said that he had not mentioned the constitutional changes to President Moi because it was not his place to do so.

Observers contrasted his low-key approach with the much tougher stance he has taken on the human rights performance of Eastern bloc countries.

It was felt his caution was dictated by Britain's overriding interest in keeping close links with Kenya, in which it retains a huge economic and diplomatic stake.

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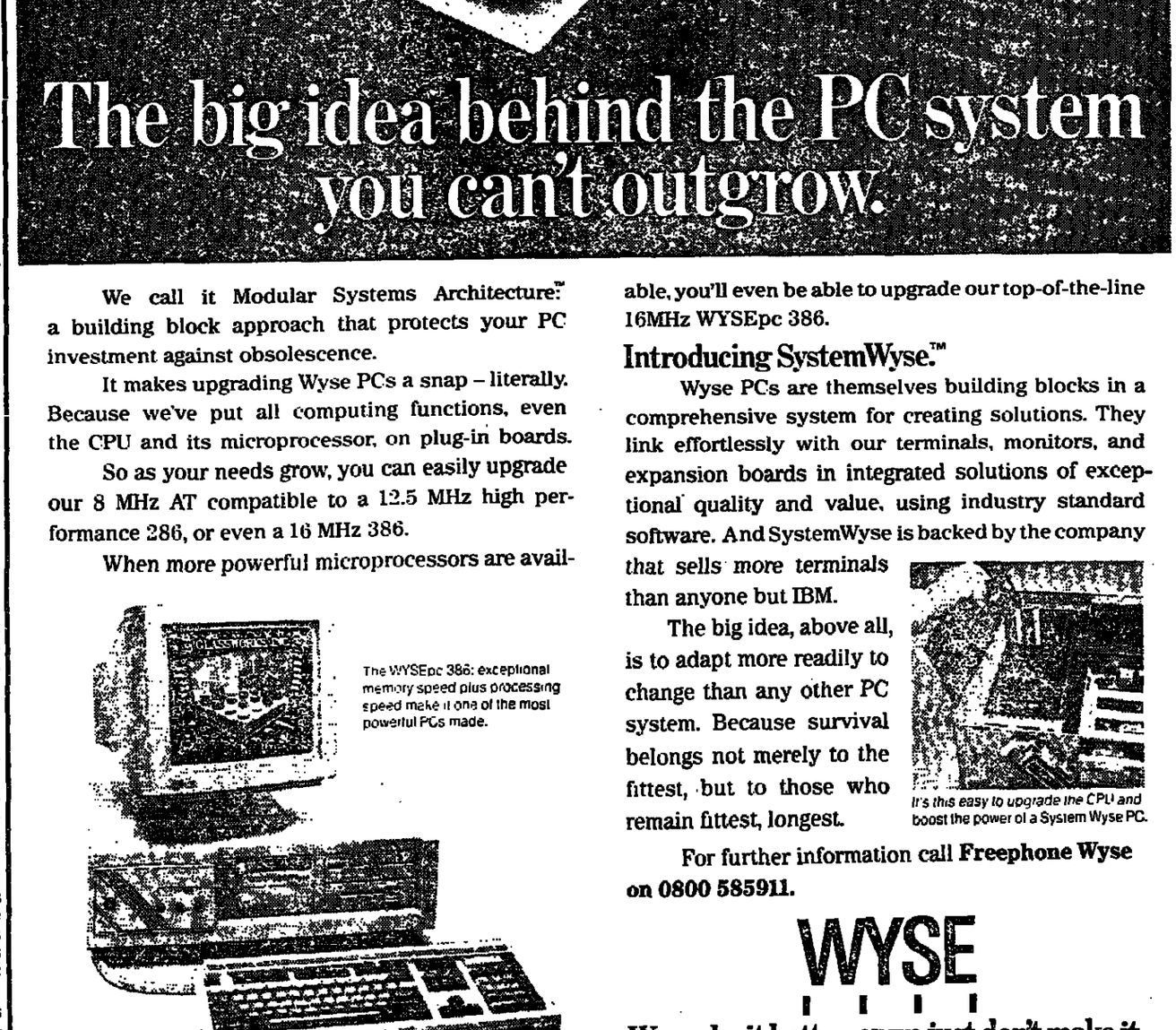
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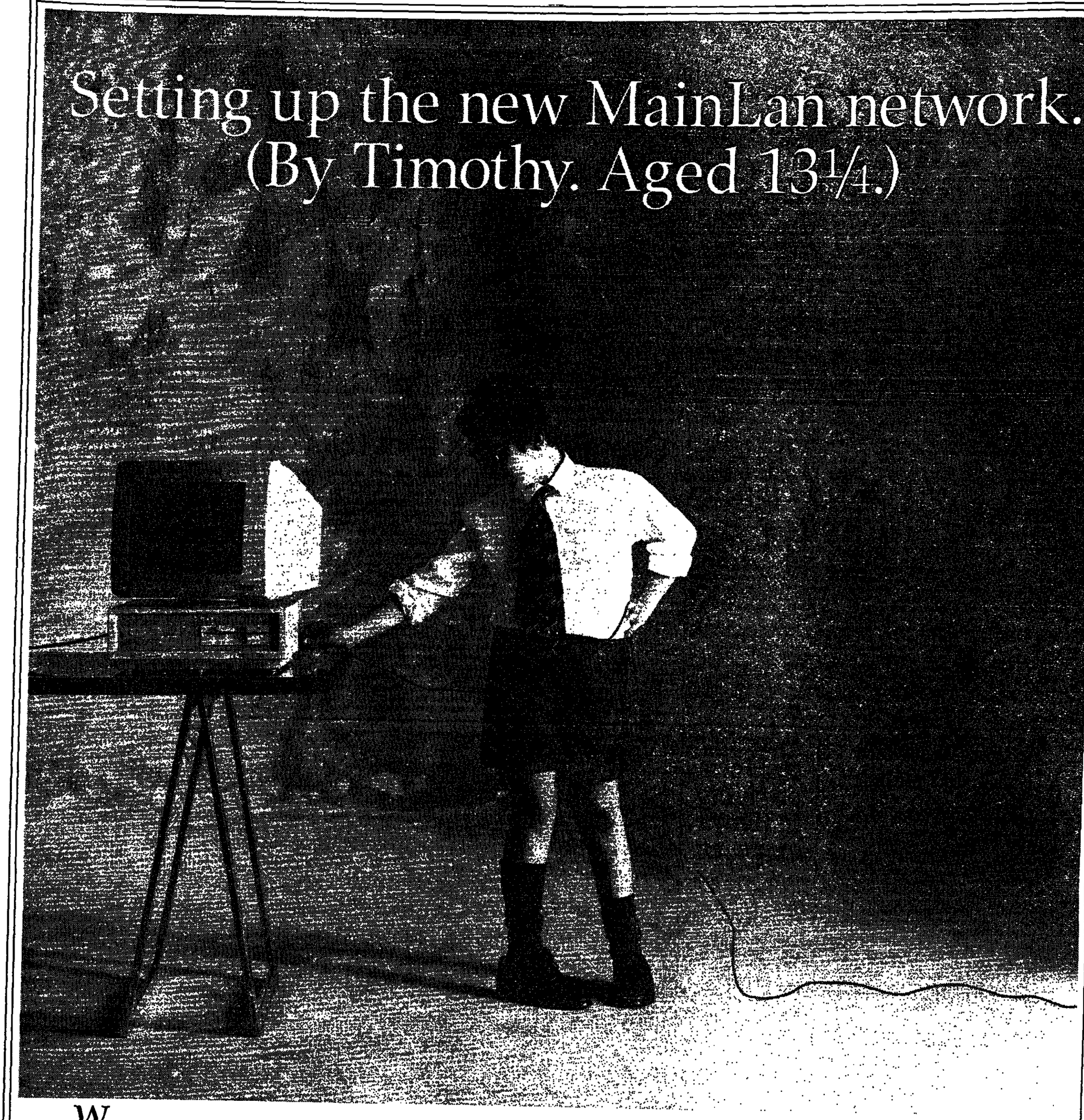
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Setting up the new MainLan network. (By Timothy. Aged 13¼.)



When I first heard about computer networking I was a little confused. Discovered that all it means is that all your computers, including all the information within them, and all your printers are all linked up to each other and shared by everyone on the network.

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd. 11.30 a.m.

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd. 12.35 p.m.

That didn't take long to set up. Still no sign of Father. I fully expect him to be in the Three Horseshoes by now. I think it is time to explore the fruits of my labour.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd. 2.55 p.m.

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Arafat turns sights on Europe in his quest for support

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

Six weeks after the dramatic decision by King Husain of Jordan to sever legal and administrative ties with the West Bank, Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, is turning to Europe for support in helping the PLO to fill the vacuum left by Jordan's withdrawal.

In a speech today to Euro MPs, Mr Arafat, who is visiting the European Parliament as the guest of the Socialist Group, is expected to appeal to the EEC to back the PLO in the new circumstances created both by King Husain's move and the Palestinian uprising, or *intifada*, which began nearly a year ago.

But Arab and EEC diplomats said that even if he won EEC backing, Mr Arafat still faced formidable obstacles in seeking to prepare a Palestinian "unilateral declaration of independence" or to announce the formation of a provisional government to pave the way for an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel.

Diplomats said that he was under pressure to use the European Parliament as a forum to launch an internationally-backed provisional government. But such a move would first require the endorsement of the Palestinian National Council, which was to have met in Algiers at the end of last month but which has yet to convene. Hardline PLO elements object to the concept of a government in exile which involves recognition of Israel or which is based on the West Bank rather than in the Palestinian diaspora.

Arab diplomats regard the EEC in general and the European Parliament in particular as sympathetic to the Palestinian cause.

The Parliament has used its new powers under the Single European Act repeatedly to block trade protocols with Israel because of Israeli tactics in dealing with the Palestinian uprising.

Earlier this year, EEC foreign ministers met King Husain in Bonn, under West German chairmanship, and issued a strongly worded condemnation of Israeli "*repressions*".

Mr Arafat will hold talks in Strasbourg with Mr Karolas Papoulias, the Foreign Minister of Greece, which inherited the EEC presidency from West Germany in July. Greece is regarded as the most pro-Arab of the EEC states, and, with Italy, has indicated that it would support a provisional Palestinian government set up by the PLO. European backing is crucial to Mr Arafat's strategy for gaining broad international support, in the hope that extremist Palestinian elements can be brought into line.

● **Paris:** Mr Arafat's presence in Strasbourg today has raised a howl of protest from pro-Israel groups in France, while pro-Palestinian organizations have called for peaceful sympathy demonstrations (Susan MacDonald writes).

The outrage among Jewish organizations is because Mr Arafat is paying an official visit to France for the first time. Political commentators here have served warning that the French must learn to take controversial guests to the European Parliament in their stride if they wish it to remain in Strasbourg.

However the issue is complicated by the fact that M Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Minister, has yet to state whether he will go to Strasbourg to meet Mr Arafat.

The Israeli Ambassador in Paris, Mr Ovadia Soffer, has protested against the invitation while a full-page advertisement by the Representative Council of Jewish Organizations in France in yesterday's *Le Monde* warned Mr Arafat that the French people remembered their sufferings in a series of terrorist attacks, adding that it was sure he could help bring those responsible to justice.

Israel may rue encouraging PLO's fundamentalist rivals

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

An unnamed Palestine Liberation Organization activist was recently quoted here as saying: "In a few months, maybe a year's time, you will be longing for the good old days when the PLO was your only enemy."

He was referring to the growing strength in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip of the fundamentalist Islamic Resistance Movement, known by its Arabic acronym, Hamas, which has started to emerge as a serious challenger to the political hegemony of the PLO-controlled secular Unified Leadership of the Uprising.

Such fundamentalist groups as Hamas have been deliberately encouraged by Israel as a counterbalance to the influence of the PLO which, with some credibility, has labelled it a "creation of the Israeli secret service".

These groups have been particularly successful in the teeming refugee camps of the Gaza Strip, where some observers believe Hamas is now more influential than the PLO. In the West Bank, too, it seems to have many followers, particularly among the young.

Tracing its origins to the fanatical Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, Hamas has strongly criticized the PLO's growing readiness to accept a Palestinian mini-state in the West Bank and Gaza, calling instead for an Islamic state in the whole of Palestine.

Its main political goals were outlined in a covenant published clandestinely in the occupied territories about a month ago, in which it attacked Israel in terms far more virulent than anything coming from the PLO mainstream in recent years.

Clause 32 of this document, for example, resurrects the old libel that "after Palestine, Israel covets expansion from the Nile to the Euphrates".

The covenant called for a *jihad* (holy war) as "the only solution to the Palestine problem", claiming that "all initiatives, conferences and other proposals are a waste of time".

For most of the past nine months, the Islamic Resistance has kept a low profile, with its adherents generally following the lead taken by the Unified Leadership, which takes its cue from the PLO.

In recent weeks, however, after King Husain's dramatic decision to disengage from the West Bank at the beginning of last month, the Islamic Resistance has started to set its own pace, putting out its own leaflets calling for strikes and other forms of protest on days other than those which have been prescribed in the Unified Leadership leaflets. With the political paralysis that appears to have gripped the PLO, whose rival factions have not yet been able to formulate a coherent political programme to take advantage of the vacuum King Husain created, the Islamic Resistance may now sense that the time is ripe to challenge its hegemony in the occupied territories.

Israel, however, would appear to be reassessing the wisdom of having encouraged the Islamic fundamentalists as part of a divide-and-rule policy in the occupied territories, realizing somewhat belatedly that it may have permitted the creation of a monster more threatening even than the PLO.

Accordingly, many members of the Islamic Resistance are reported to have been rounded up by the Army during its latest series of crackdowns in the West Bank and Gaza.

The situation recalls ominously the one in southern Lebanon in 1982, when the invading Israelis spurned the hand offered by the moderate Amal Shia Muslims, only to find themselves forced to leave two years later as the result of an intensive campaign of terror conducted against them by the fanatical Iranian-backed Islamic Jihad.

Anti-Pinochet anger erupts



President Pinochet urging Chileans to vote for eight more years of his rule in the October 5 referendum as he addresses the nation during ceremonies to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the military coup which brought him to power.

Eleven people were seriously injured and more than 200 arrested when police opened fire on Sunday night as the President attended a tea given in his honour in the poor community of Cerro Navia (Lake Sagaris writes from Santiago).

The local people were defiantly unimpressed by General Pinochet's visit. Kites with the word "No" printed on them appeared above the streets. Then a police patrol caught and beat a boy aged about 16 who was waving an opposition party flag.

People reacted by showering the police car with stones, breaking its windscreen and injuring one of the officers.

Youths tried to prevent further police vehicles from arriving, but men in olive green uniforms and black berets were brought in and began to chase demonstrators away from the municipal building where 3,000 of General Pinochet's supporters were waiting for the tea to begin.

Soldiers and police failed to disperse the crowds and when President Pinochet arrived about an hour later stones were thrown at him. The President stayed for only a few minutes.

Later in the evening, the sound of people banging pots and pans in rejection of General Pinochet's 15-year rule rang out across the city. People in poor communities built barricades and lit bonfires in the streets in attempts to keep police away.

Radio Cooperativa reported yesterday that firing from a police bus was responsible for wounding at least one person. Others were shot by "unidentified civilians" in cars and other vehicles.

Priest in hiding after rampage by Haiti gang

By Alan Tomlinson

The Church of St Jean Bosco perched on the edge of one of the worst slums in Port-au-Prince had remained a beacon of hope for the downtrodden poor during one of the darkest chapters in Haiti's history.

The church's blackened shell now looms over the teeming warren of stinking hovels known – goodness knows why – as Bel Air, after attackers wearing the traditional red arm bands of the *Tontons Macoute* set alight the building on Sunday while hacking and shooting their way into a crowded Mass.

At least five worshippers died and 60 were treated in hospital for gun and knife wounds in a ghastly re-enactment of the election day massacre at a school that put an end to Haiti's democratic aspirations last November.

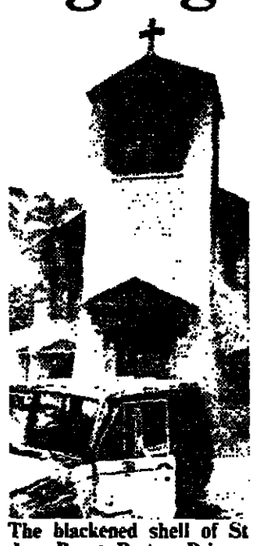
The parish priest, Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the hell-fire preacher of an explosive brand of Liberation Theology, escaped the carnage and went into hiding.

He had called openly and consistently for the Haitian people to revive the rebellion which toppled the Duvalier regime in 1986 until all vestiges of the old regime were also swept aside.

Since the Army seized control of the National Palace in June from a civilian puppet it had elevated to the presidency by blatant electoral fraud only three months earlier, political opposition to military rule has been muted.Radical Roman Catholic priests like Father Aristide had begun once again, as they did under the Duvalier regime, to urge Haiti's six million people to resist.

In the town of Jérémie, Bishop Willy Romelus, whose call to the peasantry turned thousands of machetes against the Tontons Macoute three years ago, publicly condemned the military Government last month and called on parishioners to "fight against the forces of evil".

The next day, in an apparent warning to the Church to stay out of post-Duvalier politics, soldiers arrested and deported a Canadian priest for allegedly showing disrespect to the self-proclaimed President, General Henri Namphy, as he passed through his parish. Ten days later, a meeting of 350 members of a youth movement in the northern village of Labadie was attacked by an Army patrol, leaving three boys dead.



The blackened shell of St Jean Bosco, Port-au-Prince.

An armed member of the hated Criminal Investigation Bureau, burst into Father Aristide's church last week but was overpowered by the congregation. Between 20 and 30 men attacked Sunday's Mass which has been a focal point of anti-government sentiment.

The church is almost invariably packed to overflowing with fervent worshippers who flock to St Jean Bosco to watch the transformation of the diminutive young priest from angelic choirboy to railing revolutionary.

In his most electrifying performance in a nationally broadcast homily from the rebellious city of Gonaives in the days following former President Duvalier's flight into exile, Father Aristide urged Haitians to drive out the Tontons Macoute as Christ drove out the Devil.

Dozens of former militiamen were hacked and burnt to death by incensed mobs in the weeks that followed.

The Tonton Macoute were formally disbanded but many were absorbed into the regular Army, while the remainder laid low.

They re-emerged to undermine the electoral process last year.

Militant Sikhs blamed for bus bomb

Delhi (Reuter) – A bomb planted on a bus exploded here, killing one man and injuring 19 people, hospital sources said.

A senior police officer blamed Sikh militants for the bomb which detonated beneath the driver's seat, sending glass and metal ripping through the bus which was crowded with rush-hour commuters. The Press Trust of India agency said a second bomb was discovered nearby and defused.

Satellite rise

Peking (AFP) – China plans to raise its launch price for foreign commercial satellites but the cost will be less than those offered by rivals in the US and Europe, a Chinese official said.

Big hurricane

Miami (Reuter) – Hurricane Gilbert continued to plough westwards at 100 mph across the Caribbean. Forecasters at the US National Hurricane Centre said that the most powerful hurricane of the season could hit Jamaica.

Flood toll

Peking (Reuter) – Torrential rains and widespread flooding across southern China left 170 people dead and more than 110,000 homeless.

Games threat

An unknown group, in a letter signed by the "Crusade of Mudungsan", a South Korean mountain, had threatened to stage a terrorist attack at the Seoul Olympics if North Korea was not allowed to stage the Games jointly, police said.

Catalan rally

Barcelona (Reuter) – Five people were injured and 26 detained overnight after Catalan separatists demonstrated, broke windows and stoned the police.

Ships collide

Oslo (Reuter) – The British frigate Penelope and the Canadian supply ship Preserver collided on Sunday night during a big Nato naval exercise off northern Norway, but no one was injured.

Correction

The President of Burma is Dr Maung Maung, not former General Maung Maung as stated yesterday.



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Controversy over Danube project

Dam referendum sought by Budapest protesters

From A Correspondent, Budapest

Thousands of people gathered in central Budapest for a march on Parliament yesterday in what was billed as the biggest show of strength yet against the construction of a huge hydro-electric dam on the Danube.

The protesters said they would present the Government with a petition for a national referendum on the Gabcikovo-Nagymaros scheme, built jointly by Hungary and Czechoslovakia, which they claim will destroy the eco-system, flood historic sites, pollute drinking water and wipe out unique plants and wildlife.

In an unprecedented display of their readiness for public debate on the dam, the Hungarian authorities allowed the protest considerable advance publicity in the official media, and a discussion on state television at the weekend included several critical voices. After Czechoslovakia and Hungary signed their deal in 1977, opposition to it was for many years treated as a non-subject.

In a statement last week, the Government said the best solution was still to go ahead with the dam, which will reroute a 15-mile stretch of the Danube through canals into Czechoslovakia and spoil the Danube Bend, one of Hungary's most noted beauty spots. However, the Government said that if Parliament deemed a referendum necessary, then one would be held. Parliament is due to meet on October 5 to debate the issue.

The latest protest also marked a pronounced widening of the political opposition to the scheme.

Organized by the recently formed Nagymaros Action Committee, it drew support from a wide range of reformist groups, most notably the unofficial Association of Young Democrats, which established itself in March as a radical alternative to the Communist Party's youth organizations.

The committee's demand for a referendum echoes similar calls last week by three MPs, among them Mr Zoltan Kiraly, who was expelled from the party before Mr Karoly Grosz came to power in May.

Mr Grosz has repeatedly said that the views of the Hungarian people must be taken into account, and observers believe there may be a real chance that the referendum will take place.

The action committee has already said it will continue protests at the Nagymaros site if construction starts in October. While Czechoslovakia is well on the way towards completing its dam at Gabcikovo, work in Hungary has been delayed by internal opposition and lack of cash.

Irrigation schemes 'hurting poor'

From Ahmed Fazl
Dhaka

A series of multimillion-pound irrigation dams in Bangladesh, financed by Western donors, are being blamed for flooding the poor and turning thousands into landless rural migrants in city slums while helping richer farmers to harvest bumper crops.

River experts, environmentalists and public leaders are increasingly questioning the morality of several irrigation and flood control projects intended to increase crop yields which have in fact displaced hundreds of marginal rural families to the cities in recent years.

"Planners have paid little attention to resettling displaced subsistence farmers, to the disastrous effects of siltation of rivers or erosion and the damage to fishing," said Professor Shah Jahan, of the hydrology department in the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in an interview.

Criticism of the irrigation dams was heightened last month when small farmers in the eastern Comilla district used pickaxes and shovels to bring down a dam after their newly-planted paddies were flooded. The dam was protecting thousand of acres of ricefields of several rich farmers and local influential people, while across the irrigation barrage more than 500 poor families were struggling in water.

Last month, as the flooding began, violence broke out near several irrigation projects. At least five people died.

Professor Jahan said that many problems such as excess flooding, erosion of rivers and hardship for the poor could have been foreseen if the side-effects had not been underestimated by local engineers and international financial institutions such as the World Bank.

Mr Amjad Hussain, chairman of the state-run Water Development Board, admitted that many irrigation projects and embankments had not been effective but had caused human displacements on a large scale. "Often the lack of coordination among development agencies led to haphazard construction of irrigation canals, dams and highways which later proved disastrous and an economic drain for the country."

Mr Hussain, a senior river engineer, said that some riverbeds were silting up rapidly and others were eroding their banks because of the effects of building dams without consideration of their environmental impact.

● **Ershad warning:** As vast areas of Bangladesh remained flooded, President Ershad said yesterday that the population of 110 million was becoming a nation of "boat people". "If the world does not come to our aid in controlling recurring floods, we are rapidly moving to the age of Noah," he told reporters in Dhaka.

He said Bangladesh did not have the resources to manage a disaster of such magnitude. Three-quarters of the country were under water and about 30 million people were living in flooded huts or on boats. An estimated 1,800 people had died in the floods.

Junejo decries the Zia era



Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, a former Prime Minister of Pakistan, attacking the policies of the late President Zia at a mass rally in Rawalpindi marking the start of his electoral campaign.

Right-wing groups and political factions loyal to Zia are trying to establish a new political alliance capable of countering the electoral challenge posed by the Pakistan People's Party, led by Miss Benazir Bhutto, which spearheads the nine-party Movement for Democracy (Zahid Hussain writes).

The pro-Zia faction of the Pakistan Muslim League has now formed an electoral alliance with the National People's Party, headed by Mr Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, a former Chief Minister of Sind Province, as the country gears up for the November 16 elections. Other right-wing political groups are expected to join the new alliance.

Mr Nawaz Sharif, the secretary-general of the Pakistan Muslim League and caretaker Chief Minister of Punjab Province, told a press conference in Karachi on Sunday night that the alliance would campaign for the "fulfilment of General Zia's Islamization programme".

Mr Jatoi said that there was complete agreement on all political issues between the two parties. The two leaders expressed the hope that other political groups, including the Muslim League, headed by Mr Junejo, would also join the alliance.

Mr Sharif also met the leaders of the Muhajir Qaumi Movement, a militant nationalist organization of the Urdu-speaking community.

Political observers believe that the emergence of the new alliance might speed up the country's political polarization, preparing the way for a straight electoral fight between the Movement for Democracy and the new alliance.

Pope calls for end to training for war

From Jan Raath
Harare

With a call for "no more training for war", the voice of the Pope yesterday boomed across the dust and dry grass of Ascot racecourse on the outskirts of the western Zimbabwean city of Bulawayo, reminding the 70,000 Catholics present of the horrors of the region's recent past.

It was an plea that will be taken to heart by the people of Matabeleland, just emerging from nearly six years of drought and a civil war that has left possibly 3,000 people dead, mostly civilians.

The Pope recalled that among the last to die was Brother Killian Knoerl, shot by a guerrilla at Emphandeni mission in late April.

The Pope observed that the attainment of national liberation did not end violence. "Even after that (independence in 1980) many did not find true peace," he said. "How the civilian population continued to suffer from guerrilla warfare and other forms of violence!"

Bishop Henry Karlen, the head of the diocese of Bulawayo, noted in his welcoming speech that "the blood of 10 missionary martyrs of the diocese has flowed into the soil of this area since 1976" when guerrillas loyal to Mr Joshua Nkomo, the Matabeleland-based Zapu party leader, began fighting in the west against white-ruled Rhodesia.

Mr Nkomo was at Bulawayo airport to greet the Pope warmly yesterday morning.

Later, the Pope met church personnel at the cathedral in Bulawayo and urged them to "press forward amid the persecutions of the world" with the inspiration of Bishop Adolph Schmitt, the first Bishop of Bulawayo who was killed by guerrillas in 1976.



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Botha's safari aims to ease Pretoria isolation

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

President Botha, on his first state visit to a black African country, yesterday met President Chissano, his Mozambican counterpart, at Songo, in Mozambique's northern Tete province.

The visit is being hailed here, probably prematurely, as a "breakout" by Pretoria from diplomatic isolation.

The leader of Africa's only remaining white-ruled state and the polished Marxist who heads the former Portuguese colony that gained independence 13 years ago, lunched together near the Cahora Bassa Dam, the embattled hydro-electric project which has come to symbolize the complex and volatile relationship between their two countries.

The two men had earlier driven down a tortuous mountain road to the wall and spent an hour touring the dam and its generating plant.

Then, on his way to Malawi, President Botha, who is accompanied on his visit by Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha and General Magnus Malan, his ministers for Foreign Affairs and Defence, flew over remote bush territory, infested with Renamo rebels opposed to the Mozambican Government.

Until recently, the rebels enjoyed – and may still do so – active South African support.

President Botha today will be having talks with President Banda of Malawi at Mzuzu, a state lodge about 160 miles north of Lilongwe, the capital carved out of the bush with South African money.

Dr Banda, who is thought to be in his 90s and is President for life, heads the only African country which has full diplomatic relations with Pretoria. In August, 1971, he paid the first – and so far only – visit to South Africa by a black head of state.

The Cahora Bassa Dam was built during the period of Portuguese rule in Mozambique. It could supply the whole of the country with electricity and still leave a huge surplus for sale to South Africa were it not for constant sabotage of the power-line pylons by Renamo.

Mozambique, South Africa and Portugal, which still has a substantial financial stake in the dam, agreed last June to start repair work on about 500 badly damaged pylons early in 1989. Yesterday's meeting merely put a presidential seal of approval on that agreement.

It remains to be seen whether the South African military is able, or willing, to control Renamo.

A fully operative dam would bring substantial financial savings for the Maputo Government, which now has to purchase its electricity expensively from South Africa. Mozambique would also like South Africa to increase its use of the port facilities at Maputo, which once handled a fifth of South Africa's trade, and to accept more Mozambican migrant workers for its gold mines. Their number is down to less than 50,000 from 110,000 at independence.

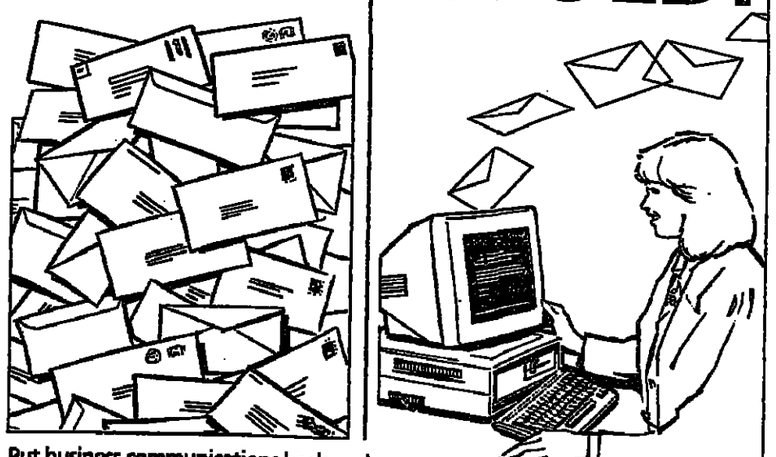
Plans for a visit by President Botha to Mozambique date back to last April, when Mr Jacinto Veloso, the personal emissary of President Chissano, arrived unexpectedly in Cape Town, bearing an olive branch.

There is a suspicion that yesterday's visit by President Botha may have been timed deliberately by Pretoria to cock a snook at the Pope, whose current five-country tour of southern Africa pointedly excludes South Africa.

Relations between Pretoria and Maputo, characterized by a curious but not unfamiliar mixture of political hostility and economic intimacy, have followed a switchback course since the precipitate departure of the Portuguese from Mozambique in 1975 left the ill-prepared leaders of the Marxist Frelimo guerrilla movement in chaotic control of the country.

In 1980, after Zimbabwe became independent, the South Africans took over the supply and support of Renamo insurgents in Mozambique from the Rhodesian regime of Mr Ian Smith.

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Burma's struggle for democracy

Thousands march in Rangoon as election formula is rejected

Rangoon (Reuter) – Burma's opposition leaders yesterday rejected a Government formula for multi-party elections within three months, and insisted that they wanted an interim independent government to be set up immediately.

General Tin U, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Brigadier General Aung Gyi, all leading opposition figures, said in a joint statement that the besieged Burma Socialist Programme Party Government would have to resign before there could be fair elections.

General Tin U said the ruling party, which has monopolized power for a generation, could be counted on to manipulate any election held under its auspices.

Hundreds of thousands of students and Buddhist monks, together with members of newly formed unions and professional groups, marched through Rangoon calling for an interim government.

And more than a thousand students, monks, civil servants and townspeople held sit-down strikes in Rangoon and Mandalay yesterday to back their demands.

One group of students, which a diplomat said appeared to be a "small kamikaze faction", threatened to start a civil war if the Government did not resign by 8 pm (local time) yesterday.

Earlier yesterday, General Aung Gyi, in a letter sent to diplomats here, said he wanted Burma to give President Maung Maung's Government a chance to carry out its election plan. He said he would set fire to himself if it tried to rig the polls.

But diplomats said he abandoned that position and took a stand with General Tin U and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi after pressure from opposition colleagues determined to dismantle the ruling party.

While there was strong condemnation of the election programme in the streets, the state radio said an election commission formed on Sunday had convened to begin planning the polls.

President Maung Maung said multi-party polls would be held from six weeks to three months after September 11. But opposition leaders said that was too soon because independent parties had yet to be set up, and the ruling socialists had the advantage of military support, organization and control of Burma's only radio and television broadcasting stations.

Foreign Ministry staff said in a statement issued yesterday that 24 of Burma's 29 diplomatic missions abroad had endorsed the national uprising for democracy.

But, the statement said, Burma's Ambassador to Thailand and its Consul-General in Hong Kong had threatened any of their staff who disowned the ruling party.

President Maung Maung, announcing the election concession to the hand-picked Parliament, called for an end to demonstrations and for people to return to work. He gave a warning that the Army would act to re-establish local administration, which has been in the hands of ad hoc committees dominated by monks and students in big towns since early August.

Comfort for trapped worker



A Thai rescuer giving a cup of water to a construction worker trapped beneath a slab of concrete in Bangkok yesterday, 12 hours after a three-storey building collapsed. Three people were killed and 12 injured. The dead, including a boy, had their home on the site.

Genetic testing issue provokes Aboriginal rage

From Robert Cockburn, Sydney

Hardening attitudes by the political right towards Australian Aborigines have resulted in a series of demonstrations in towns and cities across the country. The protests – some violent – come in Aboriginal Week, an official celebration of Australia's ancient cultural heritage.

A suggestion that black people should undergo medical tests to prove their genetic origins was the cause for the demonstrations, but tempers were further raised in the rundown Redfern district of Sydney when Mr John Elliott, the president of the opposition Liberal Party, called for the sacred Ayers Rock landmark to be taken away from its traditional Aboriginal owners.

Redfern was the scene of Australia's first race riots two weeks ago when police and demonstrators clashed. Then at the weekend came news of another Aboriginal who suffered injury in police custody. The man is lucky to be alive after receiving severe burns in a mysterious police-cell fire in Queensland. He becomes another grim statistic to be placed before the Royal Commission now investigating the extraordinarily high numbers of black people who die in prison and police custody.

But it was the issue of genetic testing raised by the newly elected president of the respected Returned Servicemen's League (RSL), Brigadier Alf Garland, which finally provoked public outrage on the streets. After his election, Brigadier Garland urged the Government to establish methods of testing those claiming cash benefits as an Aboriginal, with a view to disallowing

Australia has witnessed its first race riot

all who were not full bloods.

The RSL Congress unanimously supported the call to amend the definition of an Aboriginal "to eliminate the part-whites who are making a racket out of being so-called Aborigines at an enormous cost to the taxpayer".

Within the Aboriginal community, there are many people of mixed race who face the same harsh social disadvantages as full-blood Aborigines – which often means living in Third World conditions.

Aboriginal members of the RSL, a popular if traditionally conservative organization, are now quitting.

In a dramatic gesture, after a march of more than 1,000 protesters in Sydney yesterday, another Aboriginal Vietnam veteran, Mr Gil Green, burnt his RSL membership card and asked other black members to join him. He said: "I am really angry at these RSL comments. They are not deserved. Aboriginal people don't get any more benefits than anyone else."

This year has seen growing evidence that Aborigines receive considerably less than white Australians in most departments of public services.

Last month a United Nations report on the conditions of Aborigines stated: "Australia is in violation of international human rights obligations relating to non-discrimination and unequal treatment (of Aborigines) in general, and provision of minimum services in particular.

The report described people living in "rundown houses and sheds without clean running water and without sewerage facilities."

On every social scale, including infant and adult mortality, levels of health, education, housing, unemployment and alcoholism, Aborigines come out the worst.

Very few have found a role in modern Australian society.

Moves seek to identify entitlements to cash benefits

The 200 years of European settlement, celebrated in 1988 as a bicentenary of migrant achievement, have almost ruined a tribal society whose origins on the continent go back at least 40,000 years. This has led to a sense of despair, compounded by the loss of traditional homelands and a twilight existence on missions, reservations and shanty towns.

Only now is the reality of Australia's continuing ill-treatment of its tribal people beginning to emerge.

Last year after a long representation to the federal Government, a Royal Commission was established to investigate more than 60 Aboriginal deaths in police and prison custody since 1980. As inquiries were set up, the number of victims of the penal system to be investigated rose to more than 100.

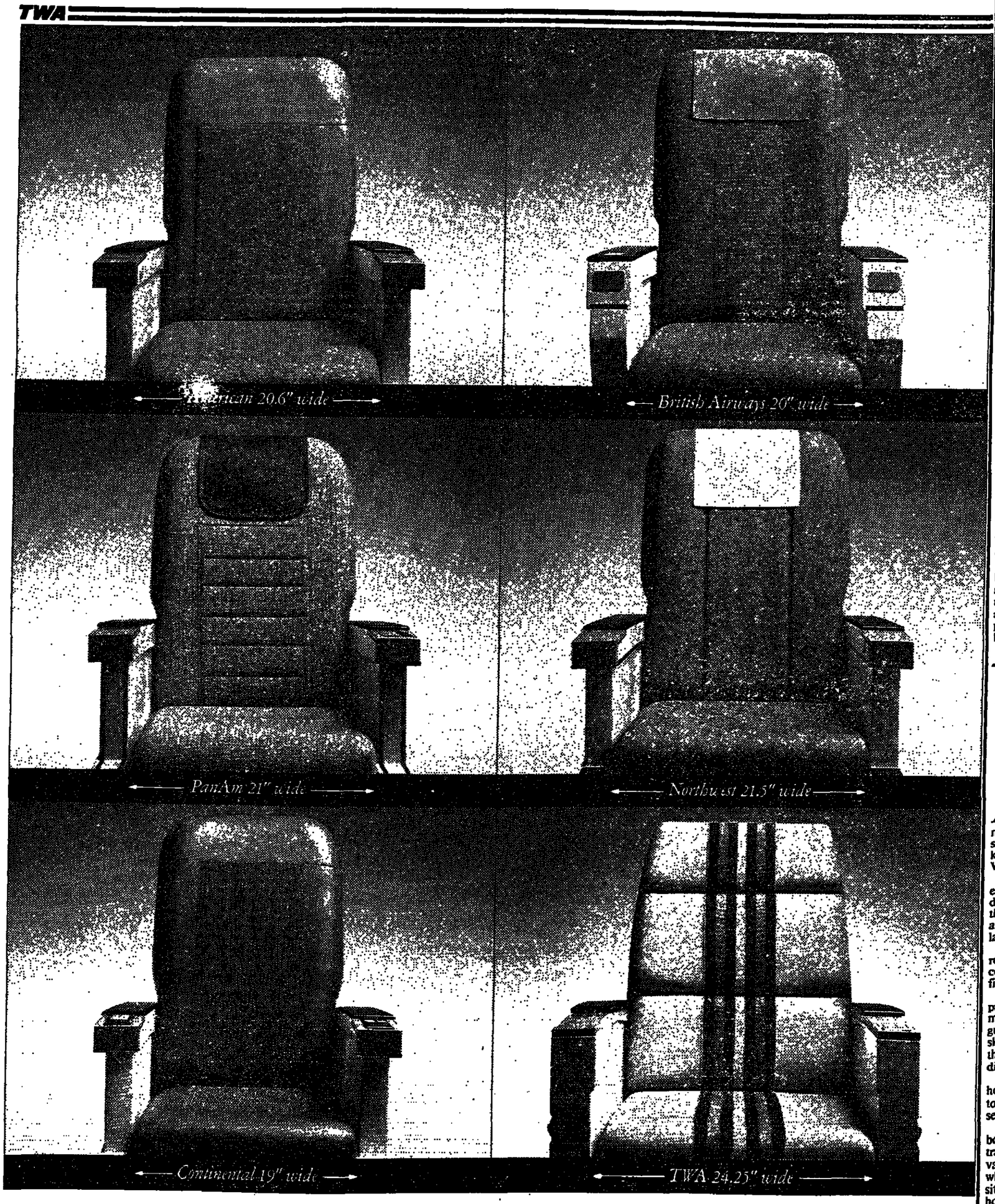
It was hoped that the creation of the Royal Commission would help slow the death rate, but another three commissioners had to be appointed by the Government in May to handle the growing number of deaths in every state.

Mr David Biles, a consultant criminologist and head of research to the Royal Commission in Canberra, said: "There is no doubt that Aboriginal people run a much higher risk of deaths in police custody."

The increasingly high rate of Aborigines put in prison is part of the problem. Aborigines represent only 1.46 per cent of Australia's 16 million people, but form more than 14 per cent of the prison population.

Mr Biles said that it was in the completely undocumented area of police custody, following arrest, where most deaths occurred. Fifty-six per cent of known deaths occur in this way.

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Letter from Verdun

Battlefield yields a grim harvest

As the autumn rains begin, another grim harvest of human remains is working its way to the surface of the First World War killing fields that surround Verdun.

Every year, the softening earth yields up several hundred bones of those who fell in the slaughter that continued, almost unceasingly, for the last 10 months of 1916.

Under a well-established routine, experts on the Verdun conflict are immediately notified of each new discovery.

In virtually every case, the passage of 70 years and more makes it impossible to distinguish between the shattered skulls and fractured limbs of the French and German soldiers who died like flies.

With painstaking research, however, it is usually possible to establish fairly precisely the sector in which they fell.

When that is done, the bones are gathered up and transferred to the appropriate vault at the enormous ossuary which was constructed on the site of Fort Douaumont to house the unidentified remains of the fallen of both sides. By most estimates, the ossuary – a vast granite edifice with no pretensions to beauty – now contains the bones of around 150,000 men (the final death toll at Verdun reached 700,000).

Visitors to Douaumont, stooping to peer through small windows in the dim alcoves bearing the dimly remembered names of sectors such as Haumont Wood and Côte 304, are confronted with heaps piled several feet high which stretch as far as the eye can see.

The ossuary is dominated by a 140ft high central tower, shaped like a monstrous artillery shell: a huge bell inside tolls four times daily, the sound rolling down the slopes of Thiaumont Crest to the spick-and-span cemetery containing another 15,000 of the French troops who fell in a battle which the German high command explicitly intended to bleed the enemy white and which became, for both sides, a Calvary of suffering and death.

From the ridge that once commanded virtually the entire terrain around Verdun, the surrounding hills and wooded defiles still appear to have been torn and twisted by some giant hand.

The intensity of the shelling, with barrages sometimes continuing non-stop for several days, transformed once fertile land into what the writer Alistair Horne memorably described as "the nearest thing to a desert in Europe".

To this day, large quantities of unexploded ammunition keep turning up in ploughed fields and on construction sites.

The same damp earth that yearly delivers up a new ration of bones for Douaumont is still cluttered with the remnants of war: steel helmets riddled with shrapnel, rusty bayonets and army water bottles, long strands of the devilish barbed wire upon which a generation of young French and German soldiers gave up their lives.

For all of them, the words of a grieving mother, recorded on a plaque at the old fort of Vaux, serve as a fitting epitaph. "To my son, since your eyes were closed, mine have never stopped crying."

Philip Jacobson

SPECTRUM

But first, find your fixer



INFLUENCE

PART 2

Micheal Shea explains how to identify an organization's decision-taker and how to expose the opposition

Every organization has a hidden system — a way around the "proper channels". A coterie of the managing director plus two of his cronies often outweighs the chairman, the entire board and all the sales, production and development directors combined. You have to get to know the decision-taker.

Follow the devious roads within any system to whoever is in charge, and you will meet left and right turns, constant diversions and apparently insurmountable road blocks. By the roads are traffic lights — or Pressure Points — that facilitate or impede the flow, or Progress Points that change the direction to right or left or into reverse. You have got to know where they are and how and when to press them.

The most important of these points to mark and, if necessary, manipulate are the janitors — the private secretaries and *chefs de cabinet* who control access to the target decision-taker. We all know great figures whose doors are protected by a harridan or a smooth-faced ADC.

There is widespread belief that decisions are taken, after a cool analysis of the facts, on the basis of rational thought. This is quite absurd. Most people and organizations are woefully confused in their thinking. Their information system is hopelessly inadequate. Their judgement is clouded by prejudice, ignorance, pride, stubbornness and a host of other factors. They grope and stumble along *ill-lit routes to reach conclusions* that are often highly detrimental to themselves.

Most important of all, decision-makers and takers almost always allow themselves to reach a decision which is already framed by the language in which the problem has been defined. In other words, the answer may be all right but the question has been deplorably formulated.

Conversely, a decision that led to failure in the past is not necessarily wrong the second time around.

Assessing your target

Prepare a mental dossier on your target before you begin. Look at their comparative status: their ability to influence others; their educational, cultural and financial standing; their social standing; their moral strength; what their resources and allies are like; what their anxieties are; their relative strength of will; how they are perceived (their reputation) in relation to all the above.

You should ask yourself: are they risk-takers; are they ruthless; are they sincere; are they bluffers; are they subject to stress; will they be easily duped; are they susceptible to flattery?

The best way to discover this is to *listen*. Here are the three major ground rules of *listening*:

- It takes a wise man (or a survivor) to make a good listener.
- Great things (like surviving) can be achieved by being silent at the right time.
- Listen actively: be seen to listen.

Also watch the downside and recognize when you are not going to get anywhere. Be particularly aware of the "I didn't think of it so I'm against it" type.

Once you have analysed, move on to the next stage. Remember that if you can influence the top, you can be as influential as the top.

Assessing the opposition

Who is pushing whom? Identify who else influences your decision-taker. Beware of the secretary, the personal assistant, the spouse, the lover, the chauffeur, "friends", the image-maker, the guru and the *éminence grise*.

The most dangerous (because it is inanimate) competition comes from the decision-taker's access to and use of other information sources, particularly if he plays with his data bank before going to bed or has a team of young enthusiastic and committed research assistants.

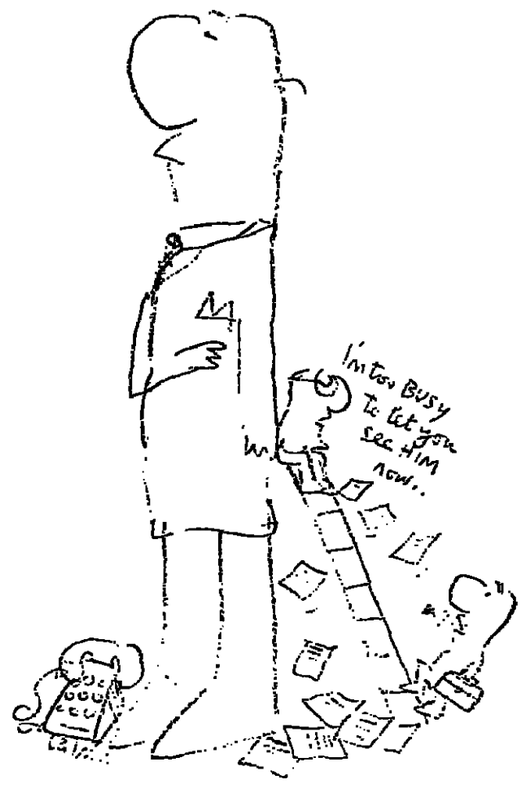
The decision-taker with various competing sources of influence may like creating conflicts between you and the other sources in order to get the results wanted. You have to *neutralize as many channels* of contrary influence as possible. Much the best way is to point up other people's mistakes.

A final word: opponents are dangerous but are usually visible and straightforward: neutrals and fence-sitters are neither. And the most important fence-sitter may be the decision-taker. They appeal to tradition — "We have always believed/acted in this way" or resort to citing precedents. As John Kenneth Galbraith explained: "Such buttressing of weak bargaining positions becomes, as a result, one of the most important of the functions of government."

● *Extracted from* Influence: How to Make the System Work for You, *by Micheal Shea, published on September 22 (Century, £10.95).*

HOW TO HOLD CENTRE STAGE

1. Optimism is a necessary precursor of success. Show it.
2. Look interested. Look alert. Even try to be amusing. Then you will be interesting.
3. Keep working up new ideas and strategies. Self-motivation can be fun — and rewarding.
4. Keep reviewing those strategies.
5. Know when to stop. Know when to cut your losses.
6. Know when to listen. At the right time being silent can be more rewarding than holding centre stage.
7. Be ready for the quantum leap when it presents itself.
8. Recognize that there is usually a middle way between preaching revolution and crying sedition.
9. Appearances count. Some people immediately categorize you by your tie knot or skirt length. Dressing for success pays off.
10. Get yourself perceived as influential. A reputation for this is almost as good as the real thing.



TOMORROW

Picking the time and the place

Preserving the best of the past

THE TIMES RICS Today we publish the winners of *The Times*/Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Conservation Awards for 1988. George Hill reports

JOHN POTTER



Back to a bygone age: young visitors get to know a carthorse at Sandwell Park Farm in the West Midlands

Stepping daintily between the cowpats, a milkmaid in mob-cap and ankle-length skirts nudged the shorthorns across the farmyard back towards the meadows. Silver-grey Dorking poultry scattered before their hooves and took refuge on a hillock of murky chaff from the stables. It might have been a scene from Thomas Hardy, except for the faint rumble of the motorway from across the kitchen garden.

Sandwell Park Farm, midway between Birmingham and West Bromwich, is first prize-winner in one of the two categories in this year's *The Times*/Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Conservation Awards, on the theme "Coast and Countryside", which encourages cost-effective conservation schemes that enhance buildings and landscapes.

Seven years ago the farm was derelict and ruinous. It was a Grade One listed building, built on ample lines in 1704 by the Earls of Dartmouth to supply their stately kitchens and show off all the latest improvements in the arts of husbandry.

In 1981 the council decided to give it a new life. The period was not an easy one for a metropolitan authority to carry out a £2.4 million natural history project. It was made possible by organizing the constructional side of the rescue as a Manpower Services Commission scheme to train unemployed young people in traditional skills.

Visitors to the farm in its first year are already running at an annual rate of about 100,000. Activities and livestock are still being built up by degrees, but when the project is in full swing, it will have some claims to being the most ambitious example in Britain of that phenomenon of the era of ecological awareness, the urban farm.

"Eggs are already on sale, and we are trying to negotiate our way through EEC regulations to sell milk products too," says Pat Hurley, the council's assistant chief planning officer. "Once our fields start to produce, rotating on the old four-field system, and the kitchen garden gets going with its reconstructed Victorian greenhouse, we certainly mean to sell our produce."

Sandwell was outstanding in its category in the eighteenth year of the awards, because of the boldness with which the council had turned a liability into an asset, and because of the high standard to which most parts of the restoration had been carried out.

The three judges in the awards, Michael Wright, Brigadier Thomas Collins and myself, had wandered far and wide between Sussex, Oban and County Antrim to see the shortlisted entries, and had met many difficulties in making comparisons between disparate projects.

Sandwell's runner-up in the educational category could hardly have been more strongly contrasted with it — a private initiative achieved with minimal outlay. In the wetlands of the Somerset Levels, most of the traditional enterprises which used to farm willow-shoots and weave them into basket-work have disappeared. But Christopher and Anne Coates have found a way of maintaining the viability of their 160-year-old business by opening it to visitors as a working craft display and natural history centre.

The Somerset project was entered in our educational section, but had a strong family resemblance to the runner-up in the environmental section — Brynllys Farm, near Aberystwyth.

The farm, belonging to Gareth and Rachel Rowlands, has been run since 1948 on organic principles, with no use of artificial fertilizers. Without impairing its productivity as a farm, they have adapted their operations subtly to bring out conservation aspects, and have opened it to regular guided tours.

Four of the six prizewinning entries were from public authorities, and all showed resourcefulness and regard for the value of money. The visitor centre at the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland satisfies a need which has been apparent for generations, for a worthy point of introduction to that colossal honeycomb of frozen lava.

The most complex of all the schemes we studied was the management plan for the Upper Derwent Valley in the Peak National Park, run in collaboration by the Peak Park Joint Planning Authority and the Severn Trent Water Authority.

Access has been simultaneously encouraged and controlled by building paths, picnic areas, viewpoints, car parks, and an information centre, all to a carefully-judged strategy. One of the most successful initiatives has been the provision of a cycle hire centre, enabling adults and children to pedal out of reach of the crowds on special traffic-free routes.

"The Derwent Plan could never have been realized by one organization alone," says John Thompson, leader of the park authority's landscape and recreational group. "It gives me great personal satisfaction that our philosophy of partnership has carried off this prestigious award."

AWARD WINNERS

Educational Projects
First: Sandwell Park Farm, West Bromwich (Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council)
Joint second: Willows and Wetlands Visitor Centre, Stoke St Gregory, Taunton, Somerset (Christopher and Anne Coates), and Giant's Causeway Centre, Antrim, Northern Ireland (Moyle District Council)
Environmental Projects
First: Upper Derwent Valley Area Management Plan (Peak Park Joint Planning Board and Severn Trent Water Authority)
Second: Brynllys Farm, Borth, Dyfed (Gareth and Rachel Rowlands)

NEW WORDS FOR OLD

Killer on the loose

We printed a letter in *The Times* recently that advised "*substituting* junk food with fresh *fruit*". This confirmed my feeling that the confusion between *substitute* and *replace* has spread even to *The Times* letter-writing classes, and has become a menace to meaning.

I blame football and other sports, where you have a *substitute* waiting on the bench, and warming up, and then being *substituted* for some muddied hacker already on the field, who shakes hands resentfully with him as he comes off, and is said to have been *substituted*, that is, *replaced*, or better displaced and superseded.

Over the centuries the words have developed different meanings and different constructions. If I wish to poison my wife, I will *substitute* strychnine or weed-killer for her sugar; but I will have to replace her sugar with (or perhaps by) strychnine (or paraquat). *Substitute* now has the dominant meaning of putting something in the place of another. And the only preposition it can take is for. If you find yourself *substituting by*, or *with* any other preposition, you are wrong, or at any rate misleading.

It took time for the distinction to be established. Good writers in the past used *substitute* to mean *replace* or take the place of, followed by every preposition in the book. "I hear Don Emanuel de Lyra is like to be one of the Plenipotentiaries, and come in as *substituted* by the Duke de Villa Hermosa." "Good brandy being *substituted* by vile whiskey." The *OED* now rules that such uses are regarded as incorrect. Not any more, they ain't, because of the influence of popular sport.

When saccharin is used instead of sugar, it is idiomatic to say that it is *substituted* for or *replaces* sugar, and the sugar is *replaced* by or with saccharin. We seem to have decided to substitute *replace by substitute*. "The minister said she hoped to substitute coarse grain with home-grown barley." The *minister* ought either to have used the word replace or, if she was determined to use substitute, she should have said "to substitute home-grown barley for coarse grain".

Does it really matter? Or are we pedantically pettifogging? Idioms and prepositions change as ceaselessly as the pebbles on Chesil Beach. Yes, it jolly well does matter: partly because we are eroding a useful distinction in English, and partly because the confusion is potentially dangerous. The use of *substitute* instead of *replace*, particularly in the passive and particularly in scientific and technical contexts, means that the writer and the reader may understand a specification in opposite senses. Can any reader confidently obey the instruction to "*substitute* a 3A fuse with a 15A one"? Electricity is frightening enough without imposing grammatical doubts.

Those who have to deal with specifications in industry should be aware of this potentially lethal piece of grammar; and those who write them could help by substituting *replace* for *substitute* throughout — or, if they prefer, replacing *substitute* with *replace*.

Philip Howard

SCIENCE REPORT

Unique bore

One of the deepest holes that has ever been drilled in the Earth's crust is the centrepiece of an ambitious geological project now under way in West Germany. It sounds like something from Jules Verne — drilling down 14 km towards the centre of the Earth. But the project is real and it has caught the attention of geologists around the world. On September 6, researchers in West Germany reached a depth of 3 km with a pilot six-inch bore hole at Windischeschenbach in northern Bavaria. Drilling of the main hole, 10 in in diameter, may begin by the end of next year.

The purpose of the project, funded by the West German Research and Technology Ministry, is pure basic research: to determine the structure of the Earth's crust at these depths and to observe, at first hand, geological processes occurring there. Researchers hope to learn more about how the rocks are formed and to observe their mechanical and electromagnetic behaviour.

So far, they have found that the rock exposed is crystalline, with more graphite than expected. This accounts for high electrical conductivity observed from the surface.

In the upper five kilometres of the hole, steel tubes will be lowered to support the sides. A rotary rig like that used in oil fields will drive the drill bit, which is connected to the surface by a hollow steel cable. "Drilling mud" containing special silicone compounds is pumped down through the cable to lubricate the rotating diamond-tipped drill bit. The mud oozes up around the cable to the surface and along the way helps to support the walls of the hole. To take rock samples, a hollow bit is used to cut long, narrow cylinders.

The ministry has built an entire institute at the site, where 40 people work round-the-clock on drilling and sample analysis. Each core is first handled by geologists, who cut it, clean it, and section it to determine its composition. Geophysicists then record the physical properties of the samples, including density, thermal conductivity and the rock's "relaxation" on reaching the relatively low pressure of the Earth's atmosphere. Relaxation is measured by observing the microscopic expansion of the rock and listening to the noise made by the expanding core. Pressures at 14 km may reach 2,000 to 3,000 atmospheres; the temperature may reach 350°C.

Geochemists are measuring the chemical composition of the rock and the gases that come up with the mud. Ninety-seven per cent of the rock is recovered and analyzed.

More than 100 other research groups work on these materials. For instance, biologists are searching for thermophilic ("heat-loving") bacteria that can survive even at temperatures near 100°C. A portable laboratory may be lowered into the hole to study the crust and upper mantle undisturbed by surface acoustic and electrical noise.

The West German project is unique, says project co-leader Peter Kehrer; nowhere else have geologists drilled down so far through crystalline rock just to see what there is to see.

Steven Dickman

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TIMES DIARY

ROBERT WORCESTER

Washington

The nomination of Senator Dan Quayle as Republican vice-presidential candidate can be blamed on Democratic political consultant Bob Squire, it seems. Last May, at a joint meeting of the Ditchley Foundation and the Chicago Council of Foreign Relations, Quayle was drafted in at the last minute to speak to 40 or so foreign policy experts and political apparatchiks. After a thin half hour of rhetoric, the Indiana senator was questioned about the likely direction of US foreign and defence policy after the election. After some flaccid answers, the questions dried up. The puckish Squire, seizing the opportunity of the lull, asked: "What will you say when George Bush offers you the vice-presidential nomination?" Quayle blushed, and stammered that anyone of course would be honoured, etc. After the surprise selection of Quayle last month, Squire was accused of planting the idea in his mind. "But I was only kidding," Squire now says.

One highlight of the International Political Association meeting in Washington last week was an unscheduled paper by a young Russian scholar, Alexander Nikitin of the Soviet Academy's Institute of USA and Canada Laboratory of Ideology and Foreign Policy Studies. Nikitin reported on the results of a recent survey of Soviet experts' opinions on the prospects for Soviet-American relations "debated presently in the Soviet politico-academic circles". Nikitin's survey included interviews with central committee members and senior ministry officials responsible for forming Soviet foreign and defence policy, military officers, key journalists and academics specializing in the field.

The study's findings, its authors hope, will lead to "replacing propaganda clichés with scientifically-analysed data" about the "preferential goals and means of foreign and national security policy, specifically in the sphere of Soviet-American relations". Nikitin reported such findings as that three-quarters disagree that "the main goal of Soviet foreign policy is the triumph of socialism on the world scale", that only 1 per cent believe the USSR would win any nuclear conflict with the US, and that while three out of four consider the elimination of all nuclear arms *necessary*, fewer then half consider if *possible*.

It is truly startling to see the degree to which *perestroika* has permeated the upper reaches of Soviet bureaucracy. Britain might learn something from their example; the Cabinet Office will not allow senior civil servants to take part in such surveys.

BARRY FANTONI



'I keep thinking of the kids. I mean, they're the people who'll be buying our albums'

I am constantly asked why the American polls are "all over the place", citing, for instance, a recent Gallup Poll showing the Republican candidate, George Bush, at 51 per cent and Michael Dukakis of the Democrats at 42 per cent while an NBC/*Wall Street Journal* poll taken a few days later showed Bush at 44 per cent and Dukakis at 39 per cent.

What the American media don't seem to realize is that to compare share of vote with one poll showing 7 per cent don't knows to another with 17 per cent don't knows makes a nonsense. Reworking the figures to put them on the same basis, as the pollsters do in Britain, the two polls draw together, 55-45 per cent for Gallup and 53-47 per cent for NBC, well within a 3 per cent margin. The latest poll released here, Gallup's with a 750 sample size, shows 52 per cent supporting Bush and 48 per cent for Dukakis, exactly the average of the last eight polls taken, and all eight have been within the plus or minus 3 per cent margin, 52-48 per cent.

The reason everyone is confused about the polls is their coverage in newspapers and on television. I have recently read comments about polls by "professionals" — who turn out to be presidential campaign aides with their own axes to grind — saying "no poll will have much meaning until both the Olympics and the baseball World Series are over", and a television newsreader quoting poll commentary from such well-known psephological experts as former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammed Ali.

Better to watch the *Chicago Tribune* reports of the key states' polls being conducted by Peter Hart. His latest polls, released last week, were taken between August 24-28 in five crucial states which together represent 157 electoral votes, more than half of the 270 votes needed to elect the president on November 8. Dukakis leads Bush by 12 per cent in New York (36 electoral votes) while Bush leads Dukakis by 20 per cent in Florida (21) and by 10 in Texas (29). The two pivot states look to be California (47), where Dukakis leads 52-48 per cent, and Illinois (24), where Bush has a 53-47 per cent margin. My psephological American friends tell me it will be a close race, and likely to be decided in these two states which together have a quarter of the electoral college votes.

There are three terms of derision current in the American political scene: Bush is thought a wimp, Dukakis a shrimp and two quips are doing Washington rounds about turkeys: Q: "What do you call a Quayle when it grows up?" A: "A turkey". Another: Q: "What is a President called in the second of his two terms?" A: "A lame duck." Q: "What are they calling Reagan?" A: "A lame turkey."

Gavin Bell reports on the reality behind Korea's student strife

Games: how big the risk?

Seoul

With only three days to the opening ceremony of the Seoul Olympics, newspaper reports and television film suggest that the five-ringed circus could well be engulfed by political violence. Yesterday, for instance, as a fanfare of trumpets heralded the inauguration of the Olympic Park, militant students a few miles away were spray-painting banners denouncing the Games and making petrol bombs to hurl at riot police.

But, although the pictures of firebombs exploding amid clouds of teargas are disturbing evidence of real conflict, they are also misleading. What the batteries of lenses fail to show is the vast majority of South Korean students filing peacefully into classrooms and attending pre-Olympic cultural events.

John McBeth, a veteran Seoul-based correspondent, examined the paradox in a recent issue of the *Far Eastern Economic Review*. He wrote: "It is simply not the nature of television networks to shoot scenes of happy shoppers and calm neighbourhoods, so as a result the image of South Korea has become one of disorder and chaos. It is not a pleasant image, and it is not an accurate one."

The truth is that the students pose virtually no threat to the Olympics, nor do they wish to. Even the most militant among them say they have no intention of disrupting any of the events. They plan to continue campus demonstrations during the Games, and to distribute leaflets in the streets, but they have ruled out direct action against Olympic venues and participants.

The campus of Yonsei University in western Seoul has been the focus and flashpoint of civil unrest since a student was killed there by a teargas grenade last year. As vice-president of its students' union, Kim Man Soo plays a prominent role in planning and coordinating the protest movement. "We want to get our message across, but we do not intend to disrupt the Games," he said yesterday. "We can't guarantee absolutely there will be no incidents, but most students are against radical action and I personally don't think there will be any."

The decisive factor in dissuading the students from physically attacking the Games has been public opinion. Most South Koreans regard the Games as a huge coming-out party for a nation proud of its remarkable economic progress, and they do not want anybody to spoil it.

For months, student leaders have been saying their strategy would be determined by "the will of the people". That verdict has now been pronounced in mass disaffection with their continuing violence, leaving the militants with no option but to lay off the Games. The pride of the many has effectively overruled the prejudice of the few.

Like many sectors of Korean society, the students have been struggling to adapt to rapidly changing circumstances in the new democratic era. A year after spearheading a popular revolt against four decades of authoritarian rule, they have lost momentum and direction.

Having failed to incite rebellion against the new administration of President Roh Tae Woo, they have turned to emotional issues such as the US military presence and reunification with the North. The Olympics appear to have been added to the list almost as an afterthought.

Despite dwindling support, they have been partially effective. Their agitation certainly hastened the recent resumption of an official dialogue with Pyongyang, and fuelled anti-American sentiments among the younger generation. But their campaign against the Olympics has been less successful.

Their main objections to the Games are that they are not being shared equally with North Korea, and have led to a truce between the ruling and opposition parties for their duration.

"Unilateral hosting of the Olympics does not help reunification, the democratization process, or in reducing tensions on the Korean peninsula," Kim said. "Liberal reforms should not be suspended just because of the Games."

Fortunately for the authorities, this view is not widely shared and most people seem quite happy to have a two-week respite from the political strife.

Another factor inhibiting disruption is the apathy, even antipathy, of most of the students themselves. Last year tens of thousands were on the streets, but a demonstration at Yonsei last weekend attracted no more than 1,000 activists out of a student population of almost one million.

Park Min Seo, a second-year engineering student, was not among them. "I don't like violence. If we must have protests, they should be peaceful," he said, adding that the militants constituted a small minority, probably less than 5 per cent at Yonsei. "Most of us are moderate. We are more concerned about inflation and the widening gap between rich and poor. I think you don't have to worry about the Olympics."

Pahk Yoo Kyoung, a linguistics graduate of Hanguk University, agreed: "The students are not so foolish as to risk losing public sympathy with radical action during the Games."

Those who continue to demonstrate will be seen engaging in what looks like murderous conflict with the fearsome-looking riot police, but again the image is distorted. Seoul is not Beirut or Belfast. Firearms are not involved — not even rubber bullets. With the exception of special snatch squads, the security forces are disciplined and generally restrained. Metal bars hammer on shields, flames lick at (fire-proof) police uniforms, and stones fill the air, but serious injuries are rare. One reason for this is that many of the police are themselves students, doing their national service.

Thus the clashes conform to a ritualistic pattern, with each side advancing and retreating from fixed positions and usually avoiding close personal combat. The mindless thuggery of English football hooligans would be an aberration at Yonsei.

There remains the threat of an extremist acting against the Games on his own initiative. A single petrol bomb thrown at a marathon runner would brand the Seoul Olympics with infamy. The authorities are well aware of the danger, and say they have done everything possible to guard against it. In particular, the marathons and cycle road races will probably be the most closely supervised events in Olympic history.

Martin Fletcher

Scots Nats buzz again

The Scottish Nationalists are enjoying a new revival 15 years after Margo MacDonald overturned a huge Labour majority to win a remarkable by-election at Glasgow Govan. With the discovery of North Sea oil fuelling nationalist sentiment, the victory set up the SNP's great resurgence and led to the 1979 devolution referendum.

There is now to be another by-election at Glasgow Govan after the appointment of Bruce Millan, Labour member since 1983, to be Britain's second European Commissioner. The SNP candidate will almost certainly be the colourful former Labour MP Jim Sillars, Margo MacDonald's husband, and despite Millan's formidable 19,509 majority there are some who believe this by-election could again trigger a great SNP resurgence, with potentially dire consequences for Labour.

"If we were to win Govan, it would be an absolute earthquake on the Scottish political landscape," says Dr Allan Macartney, an SNP vice-president and lecturer in politics.

As it prepares for its annual conference beginning in Inverness tomorrow, the SNP is in better shape than at any time since the 1970s. Polls show electoral support rising from 14 per cent of the vote at last year's general election to between 17 and 23 per cent in recent months.

In the May local elections, the SNP put up a record 770 candidates, made a net gain of about 50 seats and nearly doubled its share of the vote to 21 per cent over its poor showing four years previously. In doing so it achieved the propaganda coup of pushing the Tories into third place. Most important, for the first time since the 1970s it took votes from Labour in its central Scotland heartlands.

The party suffered from a bout of in-fighting in the early 1980s, but that now seems to be over. It is also heartened by a MORI poll for *The Scotsman* in April which showed that 35 per cent of Scots now favour complete independence from England — the highest figure ever.

One reason for the upturn in the SNP's fortunes is the deeply unpopular measures which the Government has imposed on Scotland since the last election, in which the Conservatives won only 10 of Scotland's 72 seats — barely enough adequately to man the Scottish Office.

Another is the collapse of the Liberal-SDP Alliance, of whose 22 MPs nearly half are Scottish. At the 1987 general election it secured 19 per cent of the vote. By contrast, the latest System Three poll for the *Glasgow Herald* puts David Owen's SDP on 3 per cent and, almost incredibly, the new Social and Liberal Democrats only 2 per cent.

Of all the Government measures the one that most benefits the SNP is the poll tax, due to be introduced in Scotland next April and undoubtedly the dominant political issue at the moment.

Alone among Scotland's political parties, the SNP is advocating non-payment. After the conference it will start campaigning to persuade 100,000 people to pledge that they will not pay. If successful, it would be "the largest political and moral challenge to any government that Britain has ever seen", claims Chris Maclean, a party spokesman, who draws parallels with the Boston Tea Party.

SNP spokesmen say the Government has "no legitimate mandate to impose the hated poll tax on the Scottish people" and cite MORI and System Three polls showing 42 and 56 per cent support for such a campaign of civil disobedience.

At issue, say SNP leaders, is how best to defend Scotland from Thatcherism. They say that despite having a record 50 MPs, Labour, because it operates within the parliamentary system, has failed to prevent the imposition of unpopular Tory policies on Scotland, just as it did in the last two Thatcher administrations. Gordon Wilson, the SNP leader, has re-christened Labour's "Fighting Fifty" the "Feeble Fifty".

The argument is particularly wounding since the Scottish Labour Party is deeply divided on how it should operate. Left-wingers have argued since the general election that it should adopt a much more aggressive and disruptive approach. How to react to the poll tax brings that issue to a head.

Donald Dewar, the moderate leader of the Scottish Party — backed by Neil Kinnock — condemns the SNP's non-payment campaign as "essentially irresponsible". He believes it has no chance of succeeding, that it will hurt a lot of people in the process, and that the SNP is concerned simply to damage Labour "by suggesting we have neither the guts nor the courage to go down the illegality road".

But some sort of non-payment campaign is favoured by at least a dozen Scottish Labour MPs, including Robin Cook, a member of the shadow cabinet, and veteran right-winger Dick Douglas, who resigned as convenor of the Scottish parliamentary party earlier this year in protest at Kinnock's refusal to back non-payment. Even the party's Scottish executive split 17-13 on the issue.



Margo MacDonald, winner of a stunning by-election victory for the SNP in 1973. Will the unpopularity of the poll tax — demonstrated by Labour MP Ron Brown and supporters at a booklet-burning protest in Edinburgh — help the Nationalists to another?

Thus, as the SNP reaffirms its support for non-payment this week and publicly invites sympathizers from Labour and the Scottish TUC to join its campaign, the Scottish Labour party will be holding a special conference in, by coincidence, Govan on Saturday to hammer out a policy. It will come down against non-payment, but there is scant chance of the party appearing united.

In these circumstances, the Govan by-election assumes considerable importance. Unless Kinnock chooses to call it this autumn, leaving Millan unemployed for two months before beginning his new job, it is likely to be held early next spring, only weeks before the first poll tax bills flop through letter boxes.

The SNP will try to ensure it is fought on how best to defend Scotland against Thatcherism, and will argue that Labour's repeated attempts by conventional and legitimate means have failed.

Though the boundaries have been redrawn since the 1973 by-election, SNP hopes are high. Old Govan was a solid working-class constituency based on shipbuilding. Although still largely working-class, the new Govan, containing the Garden Festival site, has a more varied electorate with an influx of service industries and middle-class yuppies.

In Jim Sillars the SNP would have an experienced and highly attractive candidate. It made significant progress at Govan in the local elections and is now the clear challenger to Labour. Sitting MPs departing to take up well-paid jobs in Brussels do not go down well with electorates. The SNP has everything to play for and Labour everything to lose. "This I would have thought was one of their best chances for a long time," says Professor Bill Miller of Glasgow University, an expert on Scottish politics.

If the SNP managed to slash the Labour majority — even more so to snatch a sensational victory — it would achieve almost overnight the credibility so essential to any minor party and have the perfect springboard for the June Euro-elections.

Of even greater interest would be the effect on Labour. Either result would greatly strengthen the hand of those MPs who advocate much stronger opposition to the Government and direct action. Others might be panicked into joining them. Dewar's whole style of leadership would be questioned.

As Professor Miller put it: "If the SNP won Govan, the knives would be out."

Commentary • ROBIN OAKLEY

High tide with the seals

Will the seals do for environmentalists in Britain what Chernobyl failed to do? Certainly if there is ever to be a take-off point for Green party politics this should be it. Concern about North Sea pollution has been raised to a new intensity. We are steeped in news of ecological disasters from the poisoning of the Rhine by the Sandoz chemical escape to acid rain, the destruction of the ozone layer and the destruction of the rain forests.

Never has interest in alternative medicine or organic farming been so high. Commercial concerns are rushing to compete with ranges of "natural" products. Talk to any young audience today and, for all their materialist concerns, environmental issues dominate. Yet, as a political movement in Britain, as opposed to a spasm of middle-class guilt or a network of enthusiasts for an alternative lifestyle, Green politics have failed badly.

A new survey, *The Coming of the Greens* (by Jonathon Porritt and David Winner, Fontana £4.95) shows that seven national parliaments in Europe have Green MPs. In Germany last year Die Grünen won 8.3 per cent of the vote, giving them 42 seats. There are nine Greens in the Lower House of the Swiss Parliament and in June last year the Green list won 13 seats in the Italian Parliament.

Yet in Britain all 133 Green candidates at the last election lost their deposits, averaging only 1.4 per cent of the vote. The average per constituency contested was down on 1979 and party membership remains at no more than a few thousand.

One obvious explanation is the electoral system. Virtually all countries where the Greens have made it into parliament have proportional representation. With an average of 670 votes per constituency contested it could be said that the potential vote for the Greens in Britain is around half a million — impressive for a party with no hope of power.

The big question is whether the Greens should seek to operate as a political party or simply as an extra-parliamentary pressure group and, secondly, whether to operate alone or seek an alliance with others. This is not a welcome idea to those who reject the programmes of all the mainstream parties which, in their eyes, have got us into our present ecological mess.

In a world increasingly receptive to much of their message, the Greens first have to sort out some of their own differences. The British Greens have the uniformity of the Brigade of Guards compared with the hysterical German Grünen but among them too, as the Porritt/Winner study makes clear, there is a division between the radical "deep" Greens and the environmental reformists.

Public concern about the kind of world we hand on to our children is a powerful theme which will be developed increasingly in British politics. But there is no possibility of persuading the mass electorate to vote for a sackcloth, ashes and nettle-soup reversal of growth policies. No election yet has been won on a platform of self-denial.

The Greens have to tackle the question of how they would create a viable alternative economic system if they are to bridge that gap between passive concern about dying seals and poisoned lakes and an active commitment to their cause. They have no working models to show us they are right. Their catalogue of dire warnings makes it easy for their opponents to show the costs of their policies without them being able to demonstrate the practical benefits.

Perhaps they also need greater willingness to compartmentalize the package. Many of the voters willing to support calls for the eradication of pesticides are likely to see the nuclear umbrella in less stark terms. Just because they have greenish edges they don't see that they have to be CND too.

Further, a case can be made for nuclear power as less damaging to the countryside than the burning of fossil fuels. And many see little merit, environmentally, in replacing a nuclear power station with several hundred windmills each the height of St Paul's Cathedral strung out across the Scottish hills.

But the Greens have powerful allies, not least the heir to the throne, and what cannot be denied is the effect they have had on the other parties. Neil Kinnock has appointed two senior shadow cabinet spokesmen on the environment, one specifically detailed to cover Green issues. The Liberals have long had a Green streak and when the merger with the SDP came about their greener elements, such as Simon Hughes, teetered on the brink of seeking to stimulate a Liberal/Green grouping rather than join the new party.

Though it may have been as much personal predilection as political necessity, William Waldegrave was probably the greenest minister we have had yet in his spell at the Department of the Environment (its very name a concession to the Green influence). And if much of the attention paid to environmental issues in party manifestos has been lip service it is still a mark of the influence the Greens now have on the political agenda.

As a political party they are not yet even being called behind the starting stalls. But greenery is infiltrating even the Tories to a greater extent than it has done, for example, the Republicans or Democrats in the US. That is why Michael Heseltine is shrewdly bidding for the support of the Nimby (Not in My Back Yard) Tories now resisting further encroachment on Green Belt and rural enclaves in the South-east.

The need for greater social cohesion now being stressed in their speeches by Mrs Thatcher and Douglas Hurd is an indication that we might be edging back towards an age of more community-based structures which could underline the Green message. But until the voting system changes the Greens will have to be content with influence, without even a sniff of power.

SEPT 13 **ON THIS DAY** 1910

The burial of the ashes of the Pre-Raphaelite painter Holman Hunt OM (1827-1910), was witnessed by a notable congregation. Among the pall-bearers were William Michael Rossetti, brother of D.G. Rossetti, and Arthur Hughes, another Pre-Raphaelite painter. Like Hunt, both men lived to a great age.

THE LATE MR. HOLMAN HUNT

The thousands who assembled in St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday, and the crowds in the churchyard outside, were the representatives of many millions who had never seen Holman Hunt in the flesh but to whom he was far more than a name; for his pictures had carried him, a revered and familiar friend, into homes without number all over the world.

Just before noon the Lord Mayor's deputy, Alderman Sir Horatio Davies, drove up in state, with the Sheriffs, and proceeded to the choir. A few minutes later came the family and other intimate friends, with the urn containing the ashes. They were met at the Cathedral door by Canon H. S. Holland . . . and by the choir, which, as it retraced its steps and led the procession up the nave, chanted the opening sentences of the Burial Service, to Croft's music.

The urn, covered with its purple pall, was placed under the dome, beside the opening through which it was to be lowered into the Crypt . . .

The pall-bearers were:—

Sir Charles Holroyd, Lord Tennyson, Mr. William Rossetti, Mr. Charles Booth, Mr. Arthur Hughes, Sir Norman Lockyer, Mr. Forbes Robertson, and Professor Gollancz . . .

The 90th Psalm, "Domine, refugium", was sung to a chant by Hervey. Canon Alexander read the lesson from I. Corinthians, xv., and the voices of the choir rose again in Brahms's anthem "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted". The clergy returned to the open space under the dome, and as the mournful words were sung, "Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live," their sadness was relieved by a momentary gleam of sunshine. The urn was lowered into the Crypt. "I heard a voice from Heaven" was sung to Croft's music, and the hymn was "Let saints on earth in concert sing". At the close of the service the Dead March in *Saul* was played . . . and before leaving the Cathedral hundreds of the congregation gathered round Mr. Holman Hunt's picture "The Light of the World", which hangs in the south aisle . . .

The only flowers on the bier during the service were those of Mrs. Holman Hunt, forming a large white cross, while the urn was crowned by a wreath of bay leaves inscribed "From your Children". A bunch of the artist's brushes had also been laid on the pall. The urn, of white marble, bore the inscription:—

WILLIAM HOLMAN HUNT,
O.M., Painter.
Born April 2, 1827;
died September 7, 1910.

"Their bodies are buried in peace,
but their name liveth
for evermore."

The great bulk of the wreaths, crosses, and other flower-messages included a white cross sent by Mr. Holman Hunt's servants, and a bunch of lilies with the inscription "In loving memory of 42 years' service.— NURSE."

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END OF AN AGE

There are few things more satisfactory for a politician than to take advantage of an opponent's mistake. The Government could long ago have decided to end the automatic right of the TUC to nominate members for public bodies such as the Training Commission and National Economic Development Council. With Lord Wilson's beer and sandwiches long absent from the Downing Street menu, Whitehall had no need to be offering the same fare as it had done in the sixties.

But – through inertia, pragmatism, and a political reluctance to mark so clearly the end of an era – the top-table seats marked "TUC reserved" remained. Last week at Bournemouth the TUC ended that inertia by voting for withdrawal from the Training Commission. It also severely weakened the pragmatic case for TUC representation by expelling one of its major members, thus promoting new possibilities for union instability.

In those circumstances even the faintest Tory flower can overcome his political reluctance. Thus – nine years late – historians of the post-war tripartite state can approach their final chapters.

The practical effects will not be clear for some time. Nor will they necessarily be very great. Norman Fowler's intimations will take time to turn into reality, since NEDC, the Training Commission and the rest are statutory bodies. Yet the move to dethrone the barons of Congress House has an historic dimension.

This special manifestation of "consensus management" belonged to the Conservative approach of Harold Macmillan and R.A. Butler. Trade unions were invited by Selwyn Lloyd to take their seats on the NEDC in order to instil in them and their members a sense of commitment to the Macmillan government's macro-economic plan.

Behind the invitation was a model of "national interest" for the sake of which the union leaders were supposed to instruct their members in the necessity of pay restraint. They were also supposed to give up restrictive practices for the sake of higher levels of investment.

It is easy, with hindsight, to say how misguided this was. Much idealism went into the preparation of what became, in Harold Wilson's first government, the National Plan. It is not so much that this style of planning could not work – more that it did not work. The TUC, dominated by the big battalions which it could rarely control even if it wished to, did not deliver.

Harold Wilson recognized his own failure with the plans to corral the unions set out in the document *In Place of Strife*. Since then, including during the premiership of Edward Heath, history repeated itself in a desultory and almost destructive cycle.

Mr Heath, conforming to the model of potential trade union high-mindedness, gave the TUC seats, along with the Confederation of British Industry, on the various creations of his administration, notably the Manpower Services Commission. At its crudest, Mr Heath's was an effort to keep the unions on board the state ship; at best, it was an attempt to educate the unions in the realities of an under-skilled, under-investing economy.

The TUC kept its seats despite its role in the 1978-79 winter, and despite the definitive rejection of the recent political past after 1979. Now, at last, the lines look about to become clear.

Trade unions are not about to disappear. Nor are all the corporate bodies on which they sit. Union representatives ought not to be excluded from the positions currently controlled by the creaking mechanisms of Congress House. It is the TUC control that should go, not the experience of individual senior trade unionists in, for example, health and safety.

Appointments to those bodies which remain should be on merit, and on functional lines, not according to which general secretary now has Buggins's turn. Mr Fowler should make sure that the employers' side of those bodies, substantially managed now by the CBI, responds in like manner.

THE HEART OF THE BALKANS

The Serbs of Yugoslavia are describing their continuing protest demonstrations against ethnic Albanian domination of the province of Kosovo as the third Serbian uprising. So far, this description is an exaggeration. In time, it may not be.

The Kosovo conundrum epitomizes many of Yugoslavia's most pressing problems. The country's ethnic Albanians have long complained that within Yugoslavia as a whole they are an oppressed minority. One of their grievances is the fact that they, unlike most of Yugoslavia's ethnic groups, were not given the status of a full republic. They had to make do with an autonomous province subordinated to the republic of Serbia. Kosovo is also poor.

Within Kosovo, however, the ethnic Albanians are a large and increasing majority, to the deep discomfort of the Serbs – both those still resident in Kosovo and those in Serbia itself. For them, Kosovo is the very core of historic Serbia. Now they see it increasingly as forfeit to the Albanians, whom they consider both religious enemies (as Muslims) and, by virtue of the existence of the state of Albania next door, potentially disloyal to Yugoslavia. They now have a leader, in Slobodan Milosevic, who has made the Serbian cause his own.

The overt tension of recent months illustrates partly the hope that Mr Milosevic has aroused in the Serbs. More broadly, however, it shows the extent to which the authority of the Yugoslav central state has declined. Belgrade is attempting to restore the authority of the centre by reducing Kosovo's constitutional autonomy. It has given a foretaste of this by deploying a special Serbian police unit in the province.

The prospect of increased centralism has already aroused concern among Yugoslavia's other nationalities. The Slovenes in the north, whose republic is the most prosperous in a country where the economic divisions are as sharp as the ethnic ones, see their economic and political freedom threatened by demands for more "discipline". Ethnic tensions are also said to be increasing in Serbia's other autonomous province – Vojvodina – which has experienced relative harmony and prosperity.

Undoubtedly Yugoslavia needs a more unified and effective government at the centre than it has at present. The problem is that centralism has tended to be identified with "Stalinism", and so feared in many quarters. If the present debilitating tensions are to be defused, however, enlightened government from the centre is the course that will have to be followed. Otherwise the economic reforms that the country so badly needs will stall – as they have done for the past three years.

With inflation in triple figures, the dinar being devalued almost daily and little sign of economic control at the centre, there is a recognition of how urgently change is required, and Yugoslavia's parliament is due to debate its latest attempt at a reform programme on November 29. The perennial question is not only whether agreement can be reached, but whether there is the common will to implement it.

The programme has much to recommend it. It calls for individual firms to have greater freedom – and greater responsibility; bankruptcies and redundancies to be made easier, employee shareholding, and for an increase in the permitted size of farms.

It also incorporates regulatory reforms increasing the power of the central government to set standard tax rates across the country and draft standard economic laws. If this standardization is to be made at all palatable to the richer republics, however, it will have to be pitched at the most liberal end of the ideological spectrum, not at the most "Stalinist".

In that case, Yugoslavia would merit increased economic support from the West. Not only could such help further the implementation of the reform programme, it could also allow the West to exert a degree of leverage on the way Yugoslavia tries to solve its internal ethnic disputes.

Such Western influence might be met warily by Serbia in its attempts to bring Kosovo to heel, but it could well encourage Slovenia and other more Westward-looking parts of the country to contribute more to the country's ailing sense of nationhood. And whatever the future holds for Yugoslavia, disorder in the Balkans cannot be in the West's interest.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Striking back at postal strikers

From the Reverend M H Atkinson
Sir, We have now seen monopoly workers' power and the resultant costs to us all during the postal strike.

Now let us show them "people power". Irrespective of the outcome of the strike, I am today setting in motion a small claims court action (less than £500) for my losses arising from the strike.

I am suing the Taunton Union of Communication Workers directly for my losses arising from their illegal secondary action.

If we all did that (at a cost of around £25) perhaps it might concentrate a few of the irresponsible minds concerned.
Yours faithfully,
ROBIN IRWIN,
Grange Court, Corfe,
Taunton, Somerset.
September 12.

From Mr Michael Hickmott
Sir, As a direct result of this Government breaking the solicitors' conveyancing monopoly I am now employing some nine staff and sending out about 150 letters per day, as against two part-time secretaries and 25 letters per day prior to the monopoly being broken.

I have now subscribed to a private courier document-exchange system common among lawyers. As a result my postal bill will be reduced by something like 85 per cent.

Is there not a lesson in this, both for the Government and also the Post Office and Post Office unions?
Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HICKMOTT
(Licensed conveyancer),
200-201 High Street,
Exeter, Devon.
September 12.

From Mr Robin Pickard
Sir, My business, a specialist recruitment advertising/employment agency, is experiencing a sharp drop in turnover due to the postal strike. And yes, we do possess the obvious means of communication, such as facsimile. We are advising clients not to advertise for staff because would-be applicants cannot put a detailed c.v. in the post.

This is just one small facet of the strike which is obviously costing the economy many millions of pounds. How long must we wait before the Government intervenes and suspends once and for all the Post Office monopoly?
Yours faithfully,
ROBIN PICKARD,
Robin Pickard Ltd,
4 Darlingscote Road,
Shipston-on-Stour,
Warwickshire.
September 8.

From Mr Derek Cox
Sir, Quite soon we will be considering the matter of Christmas boxes to postmen. This year would it not be better for such gratuities to be directed to the charity of the donor's choice?
Yours faithfully,
DEREK COX,
Kibo,
Brookside,
Alconbury,
Cambridgeshire.
September 8.

From Mr David E. Joseph
Sir, As a regular business letter-writer, I frequently send schedules and documents by post, along with a covering letter referring to the "attached" or "enclosed" contents.

Now that I am forced to send my correspondence via the facsimile machine, would I be correct in referring in my "faxed" covering letter to the "affaxed" contents?
Yours faithfully,
DAVID E. JOSEPH,
10 Alma Close, Alma Road,
Muswell Hill, N10.
September 8.

From Mr Simon Rigby
Sir, As you now require your readers to correspond with you via fax would it not be more appropriate to print their fax number rather than the address?
Yours faithfully,
SIMON RIGBY (fax 0258-59544),
The Post House,
Tarrant Monkton,
near Blandford Forum, Dorset.
September 12.

From Ms Kathryn S Davey
Sir, The one thing I miss is the various letters from "The Editor" expressing his interest in reading my letters.
Yours persistently,
KATHRYN S. DAVEY,
77 Park View, W3.
September 12.

From Mr Robert Lancaster
Sir, Are the awful rumors being heard on this side of the Atlantic true – that Pax Britannica has been replaced by Fax Britannica?
Please advise.
Yours faithfully,
ROBERT LANCASTER,
401 East Eighty-eighth Street, 5F,
New York, NY 10128, USA.
September 10.

From Mr Noel Rands
Sir, Do I take it that in this modern world "the fax is mightier than the sword"?
Yours faithfully,
NOEL RANDS,
162 Urvashi, 16th Floor,
Nepean Sea Road,
Bombay 400 006, India.
September 12.

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Market forces and social benefits

From the Reverend M H Atkinson
Sir, Clifford Longley ("Governing in the shadow of the Good Samaritan", *September 3*) has done singular service in addressing the divergence between governmental and Church thinking about society. However, in one respect he has risked selling the churches a little short.

What the churches are asking is not really what the writer calls the Labour Party's question ("What sort of society do we want?"). Rather, we ask, "How should persons behave, one toward another given the value which we believe is put (by God, we would say) on each of us?"

In social terms, this question may require answer at the level of a nation, or an alliance, or a world, but it also has to be answered at the lowest level, too.

The answer "modern Conservatism" gives to this question sounds to be thus, all people are equal in their right to access to material goods, material goods are so much more important than other goods that, for practical purposes, non-material goods can be ignored, the limit of duty owed by persons to one another is to respect an equal right of access to the market for (material) goods, intervention beyond this is to infringe the basic freedom which inheres in persons.

Many of us in the churches, observing the actual inequalities in the operation of markets, want to say more. We are not so impressed by the output of the markets that we assume that "more means worse".

Modern marketeers speak of benefit "trickling down" but for many in the Christian churches their theories seem to be very blunt. We fear a "devil take the hindermost" society for those whose disadvantage in the market is not freely chosen.

Longley sets out a promising alternative to an all-pervading market economics in the Christian notions of subsidiarity and solidarity. The practical difficulty here is the failure of the churches so far to strengthen the roots of solidarity in a climate blasted by the winds of competition.

Subsidiarity raises both practical and theoretical problems of authority and power – who decides, for whom, how far "down", how much power will be regarded as legitimate? To their credit, the churches are engaged on these problems, however fitfully. What disappoints, even frightens, is the blandness, the incomprehension, the relative silence of the politicians.
Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL ATKINSON,
160 Markfield, Courtwood Lane,
Croydon, Surrey.
September 7.

From Mr Charles Redstone
Sir, We have been blessed by nature with a temperate climate, without the scourge of droughts and floods, with substantial reserves of energy and a fertile soil, and history has given us not only a skilled workforce but also a genuine democracy.

There is, however, a major obstacle. Lacking sufficient information about the structure of our economy, we are not fully aware of the manifold individual and group acts of cooperation necessary to create the 5 per cent annual increase in our gross domestic product which would provide ample job opportunities and the funds needed for satisfactory levels of public services.

An ill-informed society is more likely to be motivated by actions based on immediate self-interest than long-term considerations. The clash of wills sometimes called industrial relations is harmful to our best interests. Surely a well-informed citizenry is the bulwark of democracy.
Yours truly,
CHARLES REDSTONE,
9 Redington Road,
Hampstead, NW3.
September 10.

N Ireland policy

From Mr Tony Marlow MP for Northampton North (Conservative)
Sir, There are two fundamental mistakes in Northern Ireland policy. Both must be corrected.

First, we must cease to give the impression that the possibility of future Irish unity is even remotely and conditionally considered. Such ambivalence undermines those who support the Union and encourages those who murder in a campaign for its dissolution through attrition.

Secondly, the underlying level of international support for the IRA will reduce only when the perceived levels of IRA activity are curtailed. To this end, despite the protestations of Mr Haughey (who, though he may criticise IRA means, probably shares many of their objectives) a sharper military and judicial cutting edge against the terrorists would be wholly productive.
Yours faithfully,
TONY MARLOW,
House of Commons.
September 6.

From Mr James Rusbridger
Sir, If Professor Wilkinson (article, September 2) really believes that the deaths of the three terrorists in County Tyrone is a "crushing blow" and a "great setback" then he is being misled by his own hyperbole.

The IRA is not like the German Army in occupied France who, having been defeated, were then sent back to their own country. The IRA live in Northern Ireland and even if the Army went out tomorrow and shot all 160 active members it would only temporarily halt their operations, but not defeat the IRA.

In the last war the Germans found it impossible to defeat the French resistance and SOE (Special Operations Executive), even though they resorted to draconian reprisals more severe than Professor Wilkinson has in mind. At the moment the IRA is doing rather better, proportionately, than SOE did by tying up 12,000 soldiers, 8,000 RUC, the UDR, and large contingents from the SAS, MI5, and GCHQ.

While the IRA may not enjoy much support amongst the Catholic minority, neither do Tom King, the Army, or the RUC. So until the battle of the hearts is won the IRA will continue.
Yours faithfully,
JAMES RUSBRIDGER,
18 Tremena Gardens,
St Austell, Cornwall.
September 2.

Soviet Armenia

From Mr R Galichian
Sir, We wish to express our appreciation of the efforts of your correspondent, Christopher Walker, for his most enlightening account of the latest developments in Yerevan (report, September 3).

The report confirms news that has reached us from Soviet Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh indicating the depth of the commitment of the Armenian people for the eventual reunification of Karabakh with Soviet Armenia.

Mr Gorbachov in the course of his address to the Presidium on July 18, stated that:

it is impossible to resolve any problem once and for all, every problem has its dynamics and development. This also applies to the question of nationalities' relations.

Referring to Mr Gorbachov's statement in an interview published in the August 18, 1988, issue of *Sovetakan Karabakh*, Mr Pogossian, the First Secretary of the Karabakh Soviet, adds that the question of the reunification with Soviet Armenia, raised by the people of Karabakh, is not closed, and further states:

Of course, in the next phase, the means of the struggle to achieve our aims and the manner in which these aims may be realised may take other forms and directions.

Yours faithfully,
R. GALICHIAN (Chairman,
(Armenian Solidarity Campaign for Karabakh (UK)),
Flat 8, 2B Bramham Gardens, SW5.

Great plagues

From Mr Andrew Bolton
Sir, I, too, can confirm Professor Gillett's recollection (August 26) of bubonic plague in Africa. My late grandfather has left family papers decribing how, as a health inspector in Tanganyika, he had to combat plague in the 1920s, 200 miles from the nearest doctor.

The main measures he took were soaking clothes from the knee down in kerosine and encouraging the Africans to catch rats. The latter was evidenced by the count of rats' tails and was apparently suggested by a priest of the mission of the Pères Blancs.

Despite the efforts of my grandfather and the few others like him, the outbreaks of plague would recur, last about three months, and fade out as if for no apparent reason.
Yours faithfully,
ANDREW BOLTON,
Downhill House, Frith Hill Road,
Godalming, Surrey.

From the Lord Mayor of Westminster
Sir, Professor Gillett, referring to a plague in 1563, says that Westminster was a "separate city in those days".

It still is.
Yours sincerely,
ELIZABETH FLACH,
Westminster City Hall,
Victoria Street, SW1.
September 7.

A royal road

From Mr J C S Mackie
Sir, While Major Angus MacLeod's desire for correct pronunciation (September 7) is to be commended, I fear that he is really fighting for a lost cause. I know of two Holywells in Britain which are pronounced "Hollywell" and while we do still talk of "Holy Week", it would now be excessively pedantic to refer to the Christmas and Easter "holy days".

Rightly or wrongly elision has been occurring in our language for centuries. A current and not very attractive example is the pronunciation of "Wednesday" (originally Woden's Day) which is now becoming "Wenzday".
Yours sincerely,
J. C. S. MACKIE,
The Caledonian Club,
9 Halkin Street, SW1.

Trivial pursuits?

From Mr C H Harmer
Sir, I see that in the new Saturday format of *The Times* the Law Reports are included in the section entitled "Sport and Leisure". Is this perhaps intended to provide a solution to all those who have long been mystified as to exactly what all those judges and counsel are up to in the Royal Courts of Justice?
Yours truly,
CHRISTOPHER HARMER,
Catton House, Aynho,
Banbury, Oxfordshire.

Putting care of patients first

From Mr Nigel H Harris
Sir, The Secretary of State for Health, Mr Kenneth Clarke, has stated (report, September 5) that there will be further ward closures later this year. He indicated that one of the causes was that doctors had treated more patients than were planned for and consequently that some health authorities will run out of money.

I understand having checked what he said in the interview quoted by *The Times* that he qualified this astonishing statement by saying that the Government review of the NHS will correct the anomaly of the more efficient being penalised. Efficiency in this context means treating more patients with fewer beds and, of course, takes no account of the quality of care.

Mr Clarke's thinking is in line with that of district managers who have indicated to surgeons that they must not treat more than a certain number of patients annually. My colleagues and I have received such advice, namely to restrict the number of patients treated to a stated figure of about 1,700. Clearly they think it should be possible, as with a factory making cars, for a surgeon to so restrict his work that he does not exceed the case-load which can be afforded.

Management start from a false premise, namely in deciding first what can be afforded. They should, of course, start by saying what are the needs of the population served by the hospital – no matter from where the patients come. If they are unable to fund this need then instead of reducing the service to keep within an arbitrary cash limit, they should of course inform the regional health authority and the public that increased funding is required.

Such uncompromising statements to surgeons are (I hope unintentionally) interfering with clinical decisions. My responsibility is to my patients at all times and not to management, and certainly not to Mr Clarke and the Department of Health.
Yours faithfully,
NIGEL H. HARRIS,
St Mary's Hospital,
Department of Orthopaedics,
Praed Street, W2.
September 6.

Measure for measure

From Mr Ralph Dean
Sir, Mr John Merriam (August 29) mentions the "line" as a unit of measurement in the button-making trade.

The French *ligne* is a unit of measure used in the UK textile industry – particularly in narrow fabrics – until metrication, and still referred to by some of the older members.

For comparison purposes 11½ French *lignes* equal one Imperial inch.
Yours sincerely,
RALPH DEAN,
Thorndale, Soulton Road,
Wem, Nr Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
August 30.

From Dr D McK Kerslake
Sir, The hands and feet of drapers differ in size from person to person much as they do in the general population and are consequently not much use as measuring rods. On the other hand the distance from the tip of the thumb of the outstretched arm to the tip of your draper's nose is a reliable 36 inches. The measure is fine-tuned by rotation of the head through an angle which is easily learned.

Serious injury could result from attempts to attain a metre measure in this way.
Yours faithfully,
D McK. KERSLAKE,
Lime Tree Cottage,
Chandlers Lane, Yateley,
Camberley, Surrey.
August 29.

Period flavour

From Mr Gerald Hanson
Sir, Perhaps if Mr and Mrs Davison (letter, August 27) took to the Seychelles copies of the Customs and Excise VAT regulations, and a complete set of booklets issued by the Department of Employment on employment legislation, they would serve to convince their voluntary exile friend of the wisdom of his 1958 decision.
I am, Sir, yours enviously,
G. HANSON,
Longwood, Bangors Road North,
Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire.
August 31.

From Mr Bill Blanch
Sir, I suggest that Michael Davison should send his friend in the Seychelles a list of current planning applications and approvals for this still ravishing but increasingly ravished part of the country.

Sadly, it says a great deal about England in 1988.
Yours faithfully,
BILL BLANCH,
Thornlea Mews, Hope Cove,
Kingsbridge, Devon.
August 30.

From the Reverend G S Robinson
Sir, May I suggest that your correspondent Mr Michael Davison takes as a gift to his friend in the Seychelle Islands a biography of Mr Arthur Scargill *et al* to convince him that he was wise to stay there.
I am, yours faithfully,
GORDON S. ROBINSON,
18 North Street,
Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset.

Motorway dangers

From Brigadier N R Sturt
Sir, The example of road safety publicity in China (letter, August 25) reminds me of a similar campaign held in Benghazi in about 1961. The results were not quite what was intended.

An empty building lot alongside a major road junction, next to the harbour, was filled with the cars wrecked during the "road safety week". After six days there was a spectacular heap of tangled metal and a bus driver was so fascinated by it that he failed to keep his eyes on the road. The crowded bus drove straight into the harbour, greatly worsening the tally of casualties for the week.

Any distraction which attracts the eye or breaks the concentration of drivers is likely to be a cause of danger. This will always be a problem in any campaign aimed at drivers.
Yours faithfully,
N R STURT,
The Old Rectory,
Church Pulverbatch,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

A cure for bacon

From Mr D A R Thom
Sir, Recent complaints from correspondents (August 31, September 7) about the quality of British bacon are ill-received by pig farmers. Much has been done to improve standards over the last six years through the British charter quality bacon scheme (an industry-funded, quality assurance scheme backed by bacon curers and farmers).

Let us then champion the cause of bacon, not bemoan it. Perhaps the last word should be left to Byron:

But here I say the Turks were mistaken
who hating hogs, yet wished to save their bacon
Don Juan

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS THOW (Secretary,
NFU Pigs Committee),
The National Farmers' Union,
Agriculture House,
Knightsbridge, SW1.
September 8.

Doing the splits

From Mr Peter A Bird
Sir, It is high time that the old chestnut of the split infinitive should finally be laid to rest.

Mrs Mabbs (August 30) may in many respects have a good knowledge of grammar, but she falls into the old errors when discussing the infinitive, assuming that, because one uses it when referring to a verb, it must be a name. It is not. She also assumes that the word "to" is part of the infinitive. It is not.

The infinitive is the uninflected part of the verb and has no subject. The word "to" (correctly known as an "infinitive marker") is usually placed before it to show that the next verb is in the infinitive form. Were the English infinitive inflected, the "to" would be redundant, as it is after a modal verb. Thus "go", in the sentence "I can go", is as much an infinitive as in the sentence "I want *to* go".

The grammar of English is based upon the usage of the vast majority, and their usage is usually based on what is the most convenient and euphonious. Therefore the most famous "split infinitive" of the 20th century – Star Trek's "to boldly go" – is perfectly correct: it forms a pair of iambs in a passage of speech dependent for its effect upon its rhythm.
Yours even more grammatically,
PETER BIRD,
83 Guildford Park Road,
Guildford, Surrey.

Elton John sale

From Mr George J Levy
Sir, You report (September 10) that "the Elton John sale is finally over", raising £5 million.

Would it not be splendid if some financial reward could be given to the Victoria and Albert Museum who did, after all, display the collection free of charge prior to this most successful auction?
Yours faithfully,
GEORGE J. LEVY, Director,
H. Blairman & Sons Ltd,
119 Mount Street, W1.
September 11.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BALMORAL CASTLE
September 12: The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) and Mr Denis Thatcher have left the Castle.

The Governor-General of New Zealand and Lady Reeves have arrived at the Castle.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 12: The Princess Royal left Gatwick Airport, London this morning for Seoul, Korea where Her Royal Highness will attend the 94th Session of the International Olympic Committee.

The Princess Royal will subsequently visit Hong Kong and afterwards attend the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad, Seoul, Korea.

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs are in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 12: The Prince and Princess of Wales this evening attended a reception for the Nato Military Committee at Lancaster House, London SW1.

Their Royal Highnesses were attended by Viscountess Campden, Sir John Riddell, Bt and Major Christopher Lavender.

The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon opened the Golden Jubilee Conference of The Institution of Agricultural Engineers at Robinson College, Cambridge.

His Royal Highness, attended by Lieutenant Colonel Sir Simon Bland, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 12: The Duke of Kent today visited T W R Racing, Kidlington, Oxford. Captain Charles Page was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will visit the Niccol Centre, Brewery Court, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, at 10.20; and the Cirencester Craft Workshop at 11.10.

The Princess of Wales will open the Kobler Centre at St Stephen's Hospital, SW6, at 10.00. The Duchess of Kent will visit Sony (UK), Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, at 11.25; and Apollo Leather Products of Tonypandy at 3.00.

Douglas-Home award deadline is extended

Because of the postal strike the closing date for submissions for the second Charles Douglas-Home Memorial award has been extended to September 30.

The subject of the award, a grant of up to £15,000 from the Charles Douglas-Home Memorial Trust, is a study of the effects of the changes that the single European market scheduled for 1992 will have on the British way of life.

The successful candidate will be expected to present a completed written work within a year from the date the award is made. The Trustees' invitation to entrants says:

"Britain's entry into the EEC provoked fears of loss of national identity. The prospect of the free internal market from 1992 is provoking similar fears.

"Proposals are invited for a study of the effect on Britain of the supranational authority that has had power over many areas of legislation for the past 15 years. To what extent were the original fears justified and what can be deduced from Britain's experience so far about the likely effects of changes after 1992?

"Studies may be on a broad front or may concentrate on the particular changes experienced or likely to be experienced by one or more sectors of British society".

Application forms can still be obtained from Dr Barbara Day, 4 Offord Road, London N1.

Submissions can be returned to that address by hand or post by September 30, or to Memorial Award, The Editor, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1. Applicants outside London who have difficulty in submitting applications should telephone Christine Wheeler on 01-782-5145.

School announcements

The King's School, Canterbury
Autumn term began on September 6. Mr Paul Pollak has retired as Second Master and is succeeded by Dr Paul Humberstone. Mr Peter Dix succeeds Mr Michael Wetherilt as Housemaster of Tradescant, Mr Stephen Graham succeeds Mr Michael Hodgson as Housemaster of Broughton, Dr Richard Maltby succeeds Mr Brian Turner as Housemaster of Mitchinson's and Miss Julie Exelby succeeds Mrs Sheila Parker as Housemistress of Bailey.

The Captain of School is Jonathan Ibbott, KS and the Senior Girl is Selena Doyle. James Landale is Captain of Rugby. The half-term exeat will be from October 22-30. Mr Kenneth Rose will give a lecture to mark the 400th anniversary of William Harvey's entry into the School, on October 7. "She Stoops to Conquer" will be performed on December 1-4. The Carol Service will be in the Nave of the Cathedral on Wednesday, December 14. Term ends on Thursday, December 15.

Shrewsbury School
The Grove, a new boarding house at Shrewsbury School was opened by Judge Alan S. Booth, QC, OS, a governor of the school, on Sunday, September 11, 1988. The first Housemaster is Mr Peter Fanning.

Westminster School
Play Term at Westminster School begins today. There are 866 members of the School, 608 in the Great School and 258 in the Under School. Mr Russell Dudley-Smith, Mr Mark Lee and Mr Martin Robinson are joining the Great School staff.

Miles Fairston (Rigaud's) is Captain of the School. The Elizabethan Club Dinner is on September 29. Exeat is from October 28 to November 7. The School Concert takes place on November 19 at St James's, Piccadilly and November 24 in Westminster Abbey. The Carol Service is in the Abbey on December 12 and term ends on the following day.

Woldingham School
Boarders return for the Autumn Term today. There are 450 girls on roll including 136 in the Sixth Form. Harriet Griffith is Head Girl. Open Day for prospective parents is on Saturday, October 15, from 2.00-5.00 pm. The annual meeting of the Parents' Association will take place on the morning of Saturday, October 22, after which girls will leave for the Half Term holiday. Old Girls' day is on Sunday, December 11. The 1988 Scholarship Examinations will be held at the school on Saturday, November 12; awards are available for girls aged 11, 13 and 16. The closing date for scholarship applications is November 1. Details of the formal opening of the new Science and Technology Centre will be announced separately. Term ends at noon on Friday, December 16.

Woodside Park School, London N12
Autumn term starts today at the newly combined St Alban's Preparatory and Holmewood Preparatory Schools, with separate departments for Juniors and Seniors — about 170 boys and girls in each. A new hall is being built at the Holmewood site. Head boy of the Preparatory department is to be Simon Glover.

Horticulture

Small-flowered chrysanthemums are stars at the national show

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

Small-flowered spray varieties are generally considered to be the best chrysanthemums for garden decoration. They have been made popular by Riley's, of Woolley Moor, Derbyshire, famed for the "Pennine" strain.

New varieties of these are featured in Riley's gold-medal display at the National Chrysanthemum Society's show, which opened yesterday in Westminster. Attracting considerable interest is an unusual variety with apricot-coloured, fluted petals named "Pennine Whistle".

The competitive classes for spray varieties are well supported, indicating their popularity with exhibitors. The National Champion for early flowering spray chrysanthemums, and gaining the Harold Walker memorial trophy, is Mr D Harwood, of Reading. He is showing several "Pennine" varieties: "Soldier", deep red; "Jade", orange with green centre; "Oriel", white and cream; and "Tango", orange. His vase of "Talbot Parade" (deep pink) has been judged best vase of sprays in show.

The premier award, the Bentley trophy for best exhibit, has been won by Mr V Aldred, of Dronfield, Derbyshire, for a display of medium early flowering chrysanthemums. Mr Aldred has also been acknowledged National Champion for medium early varieties, gaining the Clay perpetual challenge cup. One of his varieties, the deep velvety crimson reflexed, "George Griffiths", has been judged best vase of blooms in show.

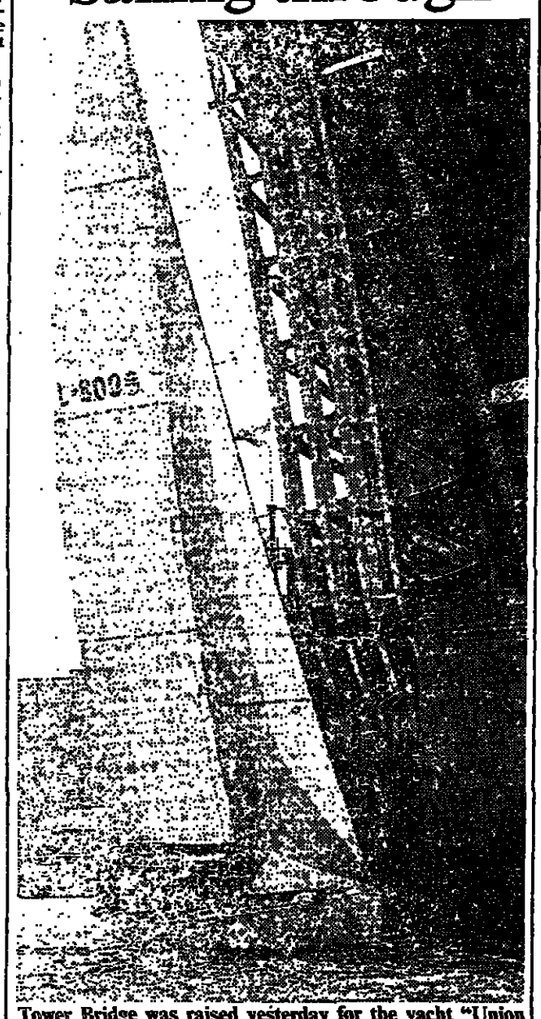
The National Champion for large early flowering chrysanthemums, and winner of the Bertram F Jones perpetual challenge trophy, is Mr G.A. Barclay, of Granborough, Buckinghamshire. His exhibit includes the white "East Riding" which has been judged best vase of large-flowered intermediate blooms in the show.

In the affiliated societies championship of Great Britain, the North Somerset Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Society has retained the title National Champions. It has staged many popular show varieties like "Venice" (pink reflexed), "Gillette" (white incurved), "New Stylist" (yellow reflexed), "Primrose World of Sport" (pale yellow incurved), and "Gingernut" (ginger incurved).

The classes for new varieties are attracting interest. The Chrysanthemum Raisers' Association perpetual trophy has been won by Mr D T Horn, of Fleet, Hampshire, for a deep orange, medium reflexed variety named "Allswell". The chrysanthemum committee yesterday bestowed an award of merit on this variety.

The show, in the Royal Horticultural Society's New Hall, Greycoat Street, is open today from 10 am to 5 pm.

Sailing through



Tower Bridge was raised yesterday for the yacht "Union Bank of Finland" — the first yacht to be completed for the Whitbread Round the World Race, and the first of its kind to be built in Finland (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Saleroom

Beatles drum withdrawn after ownership dispute

A Beatles bass drum skin expected to fetch £30,000 at Sotheby's yesterday was withdrawn at the last minute after a dispute over its ownership.

The drum skin, painted with the beatles logo and centrepiece in the rock and roll memorabilia sale was withdrawn shortly before it was to be auctioned. The dispute is thought to be between Ringo Starr and Pete Best, the original Beatles drummer, who was replaced by Ringo in the final lineup on the eve of the band's breakthrough to success.

Mr Best sold mementoes of the group's early days for a total of £35,530.

Among them was a telegram from the Beatle's manager Brian Epstein to the group when their single "Please, please me" topped the charts. It fetched twice the catalogue price at £5,000.

Best's 30 page scrapbook of the band's career between 1960 and 1962 went for £17,600 in a telephone bid by a Japanese Beatle fan.

A microphone from the Casbah Coffee Club, owned by Best's mother, where the Beatles made their debut as "The Quarry Men" as a stand-in for another band fetched a "disappointing" £3,200 — half the estimate.

Among other items were a pair of smoky grey glasses belonging to John Lennon and a carbon copy of the original typewritten contract between the Beatles and Brian Epstein.

John Entwhistle, of the Who, is almost £30,000 richer after watching part of his guitar collection go under the hammer.

Twelve of his prize bass guitars fetched a total of £14,700 but his custom-built Silver Shadow Rolls-Royce estate went for a "disappointing" £14,750.

Church appointments

Dr Graham Leonard, Bishop of London, is to resign as chairman of the General Synod Board of Education and of the Standing Committee of the National Society, with effect from October 31. Dr Leonard has been in the post for more than five years.

Appointments

The Rev David W Ashton, curate, Tadley St Peter, diocese of Winchester, to be Vicar, St Stephen's, Stafin, diocese of Derby.

The Rev Robert D Bull, priest-in-charge, St Augustine, Wisbech, diocese of Ely, to be Vicar, same parish.

The Rev Terence P Challis, Vicar, St James, Enfield Highway, diocese of London, to be Vicar, Astley Bridge, diocese of Manchester.

The Rev John H Deakin, Rector, Standon and Colles Heath, diocese of Lichfield, to be also Prebendary of Stotfold, in Lichfield Cathedral.

The Rev Robert A Evans, Superintendent, Mersey Mission to Seamen, diocese of Liverpool, to be also an honorary canon of Liverpool Cathedral.

The Rev Maxwell S Fargus, community education officer, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, to be Vicar, Rudston w Boynton and Kilham, diocese of York.

The Rev David W Hoskin, Rector, Lockington and Lund and Scorborough with Lecconfield, diocese of York, to be Vicar, St Mary's, Beverley, same diocese.

The Rev David Humphries, curate, St James, Styvechale, diocese of Coventry, to be Vicar, St Thomas, Greetland and Westvale, diocese of Wakefield.

The Rev David Jardine, Vicar, St Saviour's, Ilford, diocese of Winchester, to be Rector, Swannell w Enham Alamein, same diocese.

Canon David H Palmer, incumbent, St Matthias, Brighton, diocese of Chichester, to be priest-in-charge, St Peter and St Paul, Teddington with St Michael and St George Fulwell, diocese of London.

The Rev James Smith, non-stipendiary curate, Cambois, diocese of Newcastle, to be non-stipendiary priest-in-charge, same parish, same diocese.

The Rev Martin E Weymont, assistant teacher and Chaplain, Buckingham College Senior School, to be Chaplain of St Peter's Collegiate School, Wolverhampton, and curate (NSM), Wolverhampton, diocese of Lichfield.

Resignations and retirements

Canon Peter Baker, Vicar, Teme Valley North, and Rural Dean of Stourport, diocese of Worcester, retired on July 1.

Canon Edward F Hudson, Rector, Ingatestone w Buttsbury, diocese of Chelmsford, to retire on November 20. He is appointed a Canon Emeritus of Chelmsford Cathedral on his retirement.

The Rev William H Pick, Rector, St Cuthbert, North Meols, diocese of Liverpool, to retire on November 30.

The Rev Colin Scott, Vicar, Sleekburn, and priest-in-charge, Cambois, diocese of Newcastle, to resign as priest-in-charge, Cambois. He remains Vicar, Sleekburn.

The Very Rev Kenneth E Wade, Dean and Rector of Bocking, St Mary, diocese of Chelmsford, to retire on January 31.

The Rev John Wood, incumbent, Rodney Stoke w Draycott, diocese of Bath and Wells, to retire on October 31.

Canon Peter Pollak, Vicar, Grimley w Holt, and Rural Dean of Martley and Worcester West, diocese of Worcester, retired on June 1.

Other appointment

Mrs Ruth Badger to be diocesan social responsibility adviser, diocese of Newcastle.

Birthdays today

Miss Jacqueline Bisset, actress, 44; Lieutenant-General Sir Derek Boorman, 58; Miss Claudette Colbert, actress, 85.

Sir John Coulson, diplomat, 79; Mr Roald Dahl, author, 72; Sir George Engle, QC, former First Parliamentary Counsel, 62; Baroness Fisher of Rednal, 69; Lord Flowers, 64; Professor Sir John Gunn, natural philosopher, 72; the Duke of Hamilton, 50; Lord Kenyon, 71; the Most Rev George Noakes, Archbishop of Wales, 64.

Sir Thomas Risk, Governor of the Bank of Scotland, 66; Mr Robert Sheldon, MP, 65; Mr John Smith, QC, MP, 50; Mr Robin Smith, cricketer, 25; Mr James Stuart-Smith, QC, Judge Advocate General, 69; Mr Mel Torme, singer, 63; Lord Weidenfeld, 69; Air Marshal Sir Peter Wykeham, 73.

Reception

HM Government
Mr Ian Lang, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, was host last night at a reception held at the Royal Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, for the International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Cecil, 1st Baron Burghley, statesman, Bourne, Lincolnshire, 1520; J J Pershing, C-in-C of USA forces in World War I, Laclede, Missouri, 1860; Arthur Henderson, Labour Foreign Secretary 1929-31, Nobel Peace laureate 1934, Glasgow, 1863; Arnold Schoenberg, composer, Vienna, 1874; Sherwood Anderson, writer, Camden, Ohio, 1876; J B Priestley, Bradford, Yorkshire, 1894.

DEATHS: Andrea Mantegna, painter, Mantua, Italy, 1506; James Wolfe, general, killed after taking Quebec, 1759; Charles James Fox, statesman, London, 1806; Ludwig Feuerbach, philosopher, Rechenberg, Germany, 1872; Alexis Chabrier, composer, Paris, 1894; August Krogh, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1920, Copenhagen, 1949; Leopold Stokowski, conductor, Nether Wallop, Hampshire, 1977.

Management Fellowships

The following candidates have been awarded Sainsbury Management Fellowships to enable them to study for the degree of MBA at European business schools taking up their respective places in the autumn of this year or in January 1989:

Mr C.E. Burnett, Mr W.J. Burton, Mr M.E. Cheshire, Miss S.V. Hildreth, Dr C.J. Martin, Dr S.T. Pemberton, Mr A.F. Steiner, Mr A.J. Walters.

Appointments

Dr Robert H. Priestley has been appointed General Secretary designate of the Institute of Biology. He will take up his appointment early in 1989 and succeed as General Secretary on the retirement of Mr Philip O'Donoghue later in the year.

Dr Alec **Coppen**, of the Neuropsychiatry Research Laboratories, Epsom, Surrey, has been elected President of the Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmocologicum (CINP).

Sir Sam **Edwards**, Cavendish Professor of Physics at Cambridge University, has been installed as President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Sir Klaus **Moser**, Warden of Wadham College, Oxford, has been elected President for 1989-90.

Mrs Susan **Fey**, Principal of Morley College, to be Chief Executive of the City Technology Colleges Trust.

Mr Praveen **Moman** to be a member of the Legal Aid Advisory Committee.

Mr John Michael **Bowers** to be Chairman of the Performing Rights Tribunal.

A memorial service for Dr H. Wykeham Balme, MA, MD, MB B Chir, FRCP, will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 1988, at 12.30 pm at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield, EC1.

A memorial service for Sir Patrick Donner will be held in Winchester Cathedral on Friday, October 7, at 2 p.m.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Kenneth Williams will be held at the Actors' Church, St Paul's, Bedford Street, Covent Garden, London, WC2, at noon, on Thursday, September 29, 1988.

A service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the life of Mr Gordon Manson, FRICS, former Senior Partner of Weatherall Green and Smith, will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, EC4, at 11.30 am on Tuesday, September 20, 1988.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.J.S. Burnett and Miss V.A. Humfrey
The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place between David, son of Mr and Mrs J. E. Burnett, of Guilsborough, Northamptonshire, and Anne, daughter of Major and Mrs C.J.C. Humfrey, of Burrough-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire.

Mr J.M. Clegg and Miss A.R. Lewis
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Clegg, of Ascot, Berkshire, and Amanda Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Lewis, of Radley College.

Mr J.P. Kelly and Miss L.J. Madge
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Peter Kelly, of Hampstead, North London, and Lucy Jane, daughter of Peter and Barbara Madge, of "Saint Anne's", Chepstow.

Mr N.D.A. Lawton and Miss A.E. Stacey
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs John Lawton, of Hammersmith, London, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Stacey, of Kennington, Oxford.

Mr A. Rangecroft and Miss E. Gore
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs L.J. Rangecroft, of Westerham Hill, Kent, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.H.C. Gore, of Cumbernauld, Scotland.

Mr D.J. Usborne and Miss J.A. Mallett
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs James Usborne, of Chailey, Sussex, and Judith, daughter of the Ven Peter and Mrs Mallett, of Yalding, Kent.

Mr M.R.W. Warren and Miss C.A.V. Walley
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Rhoddy Warren, of Wandsworth, London, and Camilla, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Skene Walley, of Yarhampton, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire.

Mr T.G. Weller and Miss J.T. Mathiesen
The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Weller, of Sydling St Nicholas, Dorset, and Jacqueline, eldest daughter of Mr Per Mathiesen and the late Mrs Sarah Mathiesen, of Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.D. Willis and Miss C.A. Earl
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Willis, of Morfa Nefyn, Gwynedd, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Earl, of Ashtead Surrey.

Marriages

Mr T. Page Ratcliff and Miss C. Rogerson
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 10, 1988, at St Mary's Church, Eversley, between Mr Timothy Page Ratcliff, son of Mr and Mrs Ivan Page Ratcliff, of Oakley Green, Windsor, and Catherine Rogerson, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Rogerson, of Eversley, Hampshire.

Mr G. Riddick, MP and Miss S. Northcroft
The marriage took place on September 10, at St Botolph's Church, Chevening, of Mr Graham Riddick to Miss Sarah Northcroft. The Rev Maurice Hewett officiated.

The bride was attended by Helen Barton, Georgina and Annabel Warnett. Mr Jonathan Marland was best man.

The honeymoon is being spent abroad.

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OBITUARY

ROGER HARGREAVES

Creator of the Mr Men



Roger Hargreaves, who took the consciousness of the modern child by storm, with his creation, the Mister Men, died yesterday of a heart attack at his Kent home. He was 53.

Hargreaves's apparently simple — indeed almost artless — idea started out as a few fat-blob doodles, drawn by a bored advertising executive at his desk, one afternoon in 1972.

Using the graphic technique of a six year old, Hargreaves drew a circle for a head, two dots for eyes, and a simple U for a mouth smiling a gormless smile. In a few swift seconds Mr Tickle was born.

But that was just the beginning. Within a fortnight he had spawned a whole tribe: Messrs Bump, Sneeze, Happy, Nosey, Greedy *et al.* Within a fortnight, too, Hargreaves had found a publisher for his idea and the first wave of Mr Men was launched on an unsuspecting infant world.

But, seasoned advertising man though he was, Hargreaves could hardly have foreseen the colossal success of his idea. Mr Men soon leapt off the printed page to adorn mugs, drinks coasters, bibs, and teeshirts, besides haunting the supermarket shelves on yoghurt cartons.

With their complete lack of identifying national characteristics (no Mr Man ever wore clothes, for example) the Mr Men exported effortlessly, bombarding the television waves around the world, and creating wherever they were seen, an ever more insatiable appetite for the children's merchandise that was associated with them.

Meanwhile, in Britain Hargreaves found himself a smash-hit author, outselling Dick Francis, Frederick Forsyth and Jackie Collins put together. World sales of his Mr Men and Little Miss books, exceeded an awesome 85 million copies in twenty languages.

Roger Hargreaves grew up in Cleckheaton, Yorkshire, and started work in his father's laundry, there. But after his father died he worked in advertising locally, and then came to London.

His flair for things visual soon propelled him to a lucrative career. He travelled round the world making promotional films, but as he became more successful, he found himself promoted to creative director, anchored to a desk at home.

From the sense of *ennui* this produced, and the conviction that there was more to life than commuting, came the doodles which launched the formidable Mr Men, and the 750 related products which make up a multi million pound industry.

Hargreaves leaves his widow, Chris, two sons and twin daughters.

MAJ-GEN BORIS SMYSLOVSKY



Smyslovsky painted in wartime uniform

Major-General Boris Smyslovsky, who died in Vaduz, Liechtenstein, on September 5, aged 91, was a White Russian who commanded a force of his countrymen in the ranks of the Wehrmacht against the Red Army during the Second World War.

Styled by the Germans the First Russian National Army, Smyslovsky's unit which numbered 6,000 at full strength, was the first Russian force to be raised to fight on the German side after the invasion of the Soviet Union in June 1941, and it served on the Eastern front until decimated in 1945.

Smyslovsky had begun his military career as an officer in the Russian Imperial Guard in the days before the First World War. After the Bolshevik Revolution he took the White side in the struggle against the forces of Communism, and when the Whites were defeated he went into exile in Poland and then Germany.

In the summer of 1941, with Operation Barbarossa sweeping all before it, Smyslovsky thought he saw a chance to reverse the verdict of the Russian Civil War twenty years before, to topple the Soviet government and restore Russia to the Russian people.

Asked in later years how he could have imagined a man such as Hitler to be a suitable agent for such a task, when the Nazi plan for the Soviet Union involved the dismemberment of the country and the classification of the Russians as Slav "sub-men", Smyslovsky said: "It was a choice between two devils. What the Germans did was horrible. Hitler corrupted their souls, but the Soviets destroyed a whole nation — Russia...I thought the Germans would be the only ones who could defeat the Soviets, and that the Allies would then defeat the exhausted Germans".

Smyslovsky raised a force which consisted largely of Russians captured in the early stages of the German invasion, though it also contained a small proportion of post-Revolution emigrés like himself.

By May 1945 this unit, now only 500 strong, found itself with nowhere to go. Under the terms of the Yalta agreement the Allies were bound to send them back to the Soviet Union.

Still heavily armed, this desperate band marched via Austria — where it picked up the Grand Duke Vladimir Cyrillovich, a claimant to the Russian throne — through Switzerland, to Liechtenstein, encountering no resistance from Swiss border patrols, on the way.

In Liechtenstein the Russians were disarmed, and given asylum by the staunchly anti-communist Prince Franz Josef II.

After the war Soviet officials were allowed into Liechtenstein to interview the men and to try to persuade them to return home. Almost half agreed to repatriation. "We never heard from them again" said Smyslovsky.

Smyslovsky, like many others of his force, settled in Argentina where the government of Peron offered them a new home. He acquired an Argentine passport under the name Arturo Holmston. But in 1975 he accepted an invitation to return to Liechtenstein where he spent the rest of his days.

He leaves his widow, Irene.

MR W. B. ADAM

Mr W. B. Adam, Director of the Campden Food and Drink Research Association from 1957 to 1965, died on September 1, at the age of 88.

Adam joined the Campden Research Station, as it then was, in 1927, beginning a long period of service to the developing food and drink industry in the United Kingdom.

As Deputy Director from 1933 to 1957, he saw the Campden organization make the transition from an outpost of Bristol University, to a government funded research institute to a fully fledged industrial research association, funded by the industry, in 1952.

Among other things Adam supervised the research and advisory service which provided the sound scientific basis on which the British canning industry was built, and he published well over a hundred papers in scientific and technical journals.

He enjoyed the talent, not so common among applied scientists, of combining scientific accuracy with colourful literary prose. It was typical of him that after three weeks in Kenya to determine the cause of an occasionally occurring undesirable flavour in a particular item of produce he wrote two reports, one scientific, and the other a highly readable account of the country, its politics and the people he met there.

His literary gifts also found scope in another, and comepletely different, sphere. Born in Dublin and educated in Edinburgh at Fettes College, he served in the Royal Navy in minelayers, during the last year of the First World War.

Although this was a brief period in his life, its memory never faded and he wrote an account of his time at sea, "Naval Interlude", in his eighties. Thus, a fresh and original account of the conditions of service of a mere "Snotty" (Midshipman), was accepted by the Naval Archives of Cambridge University.

After the First World War, Adam elected for a career as a scientist, and took both parts of the Natural Sciences Tripos at Cambridge, before going into industry with J. S. Fry and Sons, at Bristol. This experience stood him in good stead when he joined the Campden Research Station.

His wife predeceased him. There were no children

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Men profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. Titus 1.16

BIRTHS

ARCHER - On September 8th, to Katy (née Jones) and Edward, *a daughter*, Georgina Alice.

BARLIE - On September 7th, 1988, to Cathy (née Turvill) and John, a daughter, Sophie Victoria.

BEAUMONT - On September 7th, 1988, to Henrietta (nee Miller) and David, a son, Jamie Steven, a brother for Nicholas.

BLAIR - On September 11th, at the Portland, to Joanna and Hew, a daughter.

BLORE - On August 26th 1988, to Caroline (née Tilmussi and Nigel a son Christopher John Franz.

BROWN - On September 8th, 1988, to Katrina (née Love), and Douglas, twin daughters, Victoria and Eleanor, sisters for Harriet.

BRUTTON CHERRUY - On September 10th, to Amanda and Franck, a daughter, Lisa Alice, a sister for Laura Clare.

BURGESS - On September 1st 1988, to Helen (née Tebbutt) and Stephen, a son, Andrew.

CHILCOTT - On September 2nd, 1988, at Dulwich Hospital, to Jane (née Bromage) and Dominick, a son George Benedict, *a brother for Charlotte.*

DIAS - On September 7th, 1988, at Saint Mary's Hospital, Paddington at 16.53pm to En Gunwa and Wafai a first son, Samer.

HAWORTH - On September 7th, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis, USA, to Maureen (née Williams) and Trevor, a second son, George Thomas, a brother for Alexandra Louise.

HINTON - On September 10th, to Angela (née Whittel) and Andrew, a daughter Sarah Olivia, a sister for Elinor.

HUGHES-ONSLOW - On September 7th, to Christina (née Hay) and James, a daughter, Flora.

JACKSON - On September 6th, to Nicky (née Bryant) and Ulrik, a son, Hugo Stephen, a brother for Nicholas.

JOHNSTONE - On September 7th, to Frances (née Greany) and Philip, a daughter, Emily Margaret Frances.

KENNING - On September 6th, to Carey (née Turnor) and Richard, a son, Thomas, a brother for James and Anthony.

MARTIN-PRUDHOMME - On September 8th, to Maggie and Bruno a son, Frédéric, a brother for Edouard and Christopher.

MURRAY - On September 2nd, to Carol (née Gordon) and Stuart, a son, William John Fraser.

PLANT - On September 9th, to Penny (née Shawcross) and William a son, Michael David, a brother for Edward.

RAMSAY - On September 8th, to Victoria (née Lanyon) and Angus, a daughter.

SALMON - On September 9th, to Amanda (née Cohen) and Paul, a daughter, Sophie Esther, a sister for Emma.

SCOTT-BARRETT - On September 6th, to Sarah (née Dawson-Edwards) and Hugh, a son, William John Yelverton.

STOTT - On September 8th, 1988, to Debbie (née Turner) and James, a daughter, Emily Rhodes.

TIBBLES - On September 11th, to Sally-Ann and James, a son, Frederick Charles, a brother to Bertie.

MARRIAGES

DUMARTHERAY:VAN MILLINGEN - On September 10th in Paris, Stephane Dumartheray to Flora van Millingen.

GREIG:RUSSELL - On Thursday September 8th, the marriage took place between David Coventry and Pamela, widow of Jock Russell, at Lochmaben, Dumfries-shire.

LONGFORD:FOWLE - On September 10th, at St. Nicholas Church, Compton, Surrey, Philip Michael Longford to Wendy Anne Fowle.

PRIOR:FRENCH - On September 10th, 1988, at St Bartholomews Church, St Albans, Stuart John to Veronica Mary.

RATCLIFFE:KAY - On September 10th, in Horsham, Paul Jonathan Ratcliffe to Alison Margaret Kay.

READING:WALTON - On September 10th, in Bristol, Simon Reading to Siobhan Walton.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

PRIDMORE:WEBB - On September 7th, 1938, at Jordanhill Parish Church Glasgow, William (I.C.S) to Belle. Now of York house, Claxton, York.

DEATHS

BARWELL - On September 11th, 1988, peacefully, at her home in Bourton-on-the-Water, Jane Lena, widow of Brian Eames Barwell and much loved mother of Charles and loving granny to James, Tom and Emily. Funeral service at Withington Parish Church, On Friday September 16th at 2.15pm. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to the Great Ormand Street Wishing Well Appeal.

BIRNBERG - On September 10th, peacefully at home in Blackheath, London SE3, Naomi Hilda (nee Benfwich), aged 97, Widow of Jonas Birnberg and dear mother of Benedict and Teddy, mother-in-law of Felitsa and grandmother of Ariadne. For funeral arrangements Tel: 01 852 1937.

BROADBENT - On September 9th, peacefully, at Gables Nursing home, Bournemouth, Hubert William Lonsdale, aged 80, beloved father of Judy and Graham.

BURNETT - On September 10th 1988, after a long illness, Kathleen Mary. Funeral private.

CANVIN - On September 9th, Noel Canvin, peacefully at home, *husband* of Pat and father of Richard and Penny. Service on September *16th*, at Little Stanghton Church 3pm. Family Flowers only. Donations please to Cancer Research Adenbrooks Hospital.

COVENTRY - On September 7th 1988, peacefully in Florence, Italy, Mary aged 86 years. Sadly missed by her son Robin and grandson Jamie.

DAVIES - On September 10th, 1988, at Burghley Horse Trials, Mark, much loved son of *Jane* and Michael, adored brother of Selina, Amanda and Perella. The service will take place on Friday 16th September at Ewhurst Parish Church at 2.15pm followed by cremation. Reception at Little Woolpits afterwards. No flowers, but donations if desired may be *sent to the Mark Davies Injured Riders Fund*, cheques payable to British Horse Society - Mark Davies, Charity Number 210504, British Equestrian Centre, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, CV8 2LR. Further enquiries to Cranleigh Funerals (0483) 275758.

DAWE - On September 11th, peacefully in Oakhurst Manor Residential Home, Hildenborough, Nr Tonbridge, William Ernest, aged 96 years, late of Sevenoaks. Funeral service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Monday, September 19th, at 12.30 pm. Floral tributes or donations in favour of National Art Collection Fund to Ord-Hume, 33A Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge (0732) 355746.

DENNY - On September 10th, 1988, peacefully in Canterbury, Lynette, much loved aunt and great aunt and friend of many. *Cremation at* Barham, on Friday, September 16th, at 4.30 pm. Family flowers. Donations if wished to Friends of Canterbury Cathedral. Memorial Service in Canterbury Cathedral on date to be *announced*.

DUVAL - On September 10th, Frances Marianne, peacefully at Addenbrookes Hospital after much suffering valiantly fought, dear wife of David, of Bury St Edmunds. Dear mother of Nick and Charlotte. Loving and much *loved mother-in-law* of Briony and Stephen, dear grandma of Oliver, Johanna and Georgina. Cremation private, memorial service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Friday, September 23rd at 2.30pm. Followed by private *interment* at great Barton churchyard. Family flowers only please but donations at her request for the radiotherapy unit at Addenbrookes Hospital c/o L. Fulcher Ltd, 80, Whiting Street, Bury St Edmunds.

ELSLEY - On September 7th, suddenly at home, Lilian (Patti) aged 84. Greatly missed by her family and many friends. Funeral service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 12 noon on Monday September 19th. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Musicians Benevolent Fund 16, Ogle Street, London W1 P7G.

GLADSTONE - On September 4th, at Horncastle Nursing Home, Kitty (A.K.), for 36 years, Vice Principal of The Hall School, Hampstead. Loved and loving aunt, great aunt, great-great aunt, and friend of many. Cremation private. Service of thanksgiving and remeberance at St Margaret's Church, West Hoathly, on October 15th at 12 noon. No flowers. Donations if desired to West Hoathly Churchyard Fund. C/O Treasurer, P.C.C.

HARGREAVES - On September 11th, Roger much loved husband of Chris. Father to Adam, Giles, Sophie and Amelia, and grandfather to Jessica. Creator of the Mr Men. All enquiries to S. Smith and Sons of Edenbridge. Telephone 0732 862117.

HAWKINS - On September 9th, 1988 suddenly at home, Geoffrey aged 42. Dearly loved husband of Ingrid and father of Abigail. Funeral service will be held at 10am on Thursday, September 15th, at Our Lady Lourds Church, Cambridge Park Road, Wanstead, followed by interment at Barkingside cemetery. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the Epilepsy Foundation, c/o Francis M C Walters, 121 High Street, Wanstead, E11, would be appreciated.

HAYES - *On September 3rd, peacefully* at the London Bridge Hospital, *William Stanley, beloved husband of* Gene, dear father of Robert and loving *grandfather.*

HILDRETH - *On Thursday September* 8th, peacefully at home after a long *illness bravely borne*, Lady Mary Hildreth, M.B.E., beloved wife of John, mother to Jan, Gillie, Jennie, Johnnie, Judy and grandmother of 11 grandchildren. Greatly loved by us all. Details of the funeral service *will be announced in these columns* later.

JONES - On September 12th, suddenly and peacefully at Donyland, David Basil (Ginger) aged 70. Beloved husband of Marion, much loved father and grandfather. Service at Seal Church, nr Sevenoaks on Friday September 16th at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. *Family flowers* only please, but donations if desired *may be sent to Hospice at Home*, Michael Tetley Hall, Sandhurst Rd, *Tunbridge Wells.*

LANDSEER-JONES - On September 3rd, peacefully in hospital, Ruth Irene, wife of the late Edwin and dear mother of Bevan and Jackie. Funeral on September 9th.

Le POIDEVIN - On September 9th, 1988, peacefully, Susan, deeply loved wife of Nicholas and mother of Charlotte. The funeral will be held at All Saints', Wilbarston, near Market Harborough on Thursday September 15th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers, but donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15-19 Britten St, London SW3 3TY, would be appreciated.

LE TALL - On September 10th, 1988, peacefully, Eric Norman, of Hill Farm, Stogumber, Somerset, aged 89 years. Beloved husband of the late Jean, father of June Illingworth, grandfather of Robin and James. The funeral service will take place at St. Mary's Church, Stogumber, at 1pm Friday September 16th followed by cremation at The Taunton Deane Crematorium at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, C/o Willcombes Funeral Directors, 8 High Street, Williton, Somerset.

LYNCH - On September 8th, peacefully at his home in Weybridge, Surrey after a short illness, Ronald aged 78, formerly of Salford, Lancs, beloved husband of Eileen, adored father of Sean. Funeral at Woking St. Johns Crematorium on Wednesday September 14th at 3pm. Enquiries to F. Chitty & Co, 45 Elmgrove Road, Weybridge, Surrey. Tel:(0932) 842220.

MARR-MURRAY - On September 2nd, Muriel beloved wife of Richard *Marr-Murray*, of Gussage All Saints, Dorset. Cremation has taken place.

McAREE - On Friday September 9th, *1988*, tragically with his wife Thien Huong, as a result of an air crash in Bangkok, age 31, David Ronald, beloved son of Doreen and the late *Robert McAree* of Stirling and dear brother of Isobel. Funeral arrangements to follow.

MEIKLEJOHN - On September 10th, 1988, at Arbour Nursing Home Shute Shelf, Axbridge, Somerset, Lt. Col. John Cussance Meiklejohn, D.S.O.T.D. Lonsea Scottish/7th Batallion Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, after a long illness. Dear brother of Hope Meiklejohn. The Hall, Winscombe, Avon. Funeral service at Rowberrow Church, Somerset, on Thursday 15th September at 2pm, followed by private cremation. Enquiries to CV Gower & Son, Funeral directors. The Square Winscombe. Tel: Winscombe 2187 or 2945.

MORRISON - On September 9th, suddenly, at Robinfield, Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead, (Alexander Morrison, Q.P.M., Formerly of Hong Kong.) Alex, dearly loved husband of Joyce and father of Allan, Kenneth and Argo.

MULHOLLAND - On September 8th, 1988, at the hospital of Saint John Elizabeth NW8, Father Luke Mulholland O.D.C., aged 65 years, of the Carmelite Priory, 41 Kensington Church Street W8, deeply regreted by his Carmelite community, family and friends. Remains will be brought into the Carmelite church, Kensington at 5.30pm on Tuesday September 13th. Funeral mass at 11am, Wednesday September 14th, followed by burial at Saint Mary's Cemetery, Kenbal Green. May he rest in peace of Christ.

REED - On September 8th, peacefully in hospital, Leslie of S.M.G. Tilehurst, Reading. Dearly loved husband of Barbara and dear father of Susan and Michael. Funeral service at 1.30pm on Thursday September 15th, at Porchester *Crematorium. Family flowers only* by request but donations if desired to Wessex Cancer Trust, Royal South Hants Hospital, Graham Road, *Southampton SO9 4PE.*

ROSSITER - On September 12th, peacefully in hospital, Winifred Mary, aged 86, widow of Leslie, and dearly loved mother of Barbara, Tony and Audrey. Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip, at 11.30am on Thursday September 15th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

SCOBLE - On Saturday September 10th 1988, Lesley, aged 46, beloved wife of Peter and loved mother of Karen, Anna and Mark. Cremation private. Thanksgiving service at St Margaret's, Halstead, near Sevenoaks, Kent on Monday September 19th, at 2pm. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research, c/o W. Hodges and Co, Funeral Directors, 57 Quakers Hall Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent.

SIM - On September 10th, in Dunedin, New Zealand, Professor Peter Sim, beloved husband of June and father of Andrew, Valery, Felicity, Justin and Alison.

STRONG - On September 11th, 1988, peacefully at Holyport Lodge, Dr. Stephen Strong aged 87, dearly loved husband of the late Mary and much loved by Susan and Christopher and his five grandchildren. Funeral service on Monday September 19th at Holy Trinity Church, Windsor at 12 noon. Flowers or donations to Saint Johns Ambulance Brigade, Royal Windsor Ambulance and Nursing Division, c/o E. Sargeant and Sons, 61 Saint Leonards Rd., Windsor.

STRUTT - On September 9th, suddenly at Garliestun, Wigtownshire, Janet Anna, beloved wife of Edward Strutt and dearest mother of Nick, Shaun and Rebecca and dearly loved daughter of Phyllis Pigott. Memorial service at Pennington Parish St John's Church, Newton Stewart, on Wednesday September 14th at 3pm, to which all are welcome. Her sunny disposition made her a friend to all who knew her.

THOMSON - On September 9th, 1988, peacefully in Royal Surrey Hospital, William A.R.C.A., adored husband of Jacqueline and father of Hannah and Toby. Funeral at St Mary the Soltans Church, London SW10, on Thursday September 15th, at 11am. *Donations for Chest, Heart and* Stroke Assn., or flowers by 10am, c/o Wm. Buckle, Funeral Director, 246 Fulham Road, SW10 9NA.

WHITING - On September 12th, in hospital Warwick of Spurfold Peasiake, Guildford, beloved husband of Evelyn. Cremation private. No flowers or letters please.

WICKENDEN - On September 8th 1988, Wilfred Douglas aged 82 greatly loved and deeply mourned. Cremation Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks, on Monday September 19th, at 12 noon. Flowers and enquiries to Chalfonts Funerals Ltd, Montello House, Layters Green Lane, Chalfont St Peter. Tel: Gerrards Cross (0753) 884674.

WINGATE-SAUL - On September 9th,1988, Amy, dearly loved daughter of Charles and Sally and sister of Alasdair, tragically in a road accident at Lydlinch, Dorset. Private cremation, family flowers only. A service of thanksgiving will be arranged shortly. Donations if desired may be given to British Diabetic Association or British Heart Foundation, c/o Eason Funeral Services, Newell, Sherborne, DT9 4EZ. Tel: (0935) 813479.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

A Thanksgiving service to remember the wonderful life of Sir Antony George Anson Fisher AFC, will take place at St Lawrence Jewry-Next Guildhall City of London, on Tuesday September 27th, at 11.30 am.

BARBOUR - A Service of thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier David Barbour O.B.E., D.L. will take place at St Mary's Stratfield Mortimer, near Reading, on Saturday October 1st, 2.30 pm.

CLANMORRIS (Bingham). A memorial service to commemorate the life of John Michael Ward Bingham, 7th Baron Clanmorris, who died on August 7th 1988, will take place at St George's Church, Hanover Square, London W1, on Thursday September 29th 1988 at 12 noon and afterwards at 1 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1.

LOUIS - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of the late Harry Louis will be held at St. Brides Church, Fleet St, London at noon on Wednesday 28th September, 1988. All friends and colleagues are most welcome.

SINGER - A memorial service will be held for the late Mrs. Nina Singer at Saint Paul's Church, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge SW1, Thursday 15th September starting at 12 noon. Please note change.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

CROKE - Peter, died September 13th, 1986. pax lecum - Audrey.

GOODING - Remembering today and always our adored son and brother Howard on this, his birthday. Mums, Dad, Caroline and Melanie.

WREN - Violet Norah Kathleen. Remembered every day, especially her birthday September 13th. Douglas.

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THE ARTS



Harpy on the run: Carel Weight's "Primavera" (1988) features an embodiment of Spring quite different from Botticelli's "Flora"

Alistair Hicks reviews shows by two very individual British painters

Odd couple

GALLERIES

Leon Kossoff
Anthony D'Offay

Carel Weight
Bernard Jacobson

Leon Kossoff's first one-man show for four years (at Anthony D'Offay until October 8) restates his claims as a painter of major international importance. Amidst a stream of portraits he presents us with two very different new subjects: a series on Christchurch, Spitalfields and, more surprisingly, diesel trains in motion.

London and Londoners are Kossoff's diet. The railway tracks cutting through his northern London have long been an important part of his vocabulary, but by showing running trains he is courting the risk of trivialization.

It is difficult not to think of the Futurists' attempt to capture speed, as the diesel's yellow nose rattles diagonally past the viewer. "Between Kilburn and Willesden Green"(1987), however, which shows the train in full profile, reveals a new balance between the energy and enervation of city life.

Kossoff's "Christchurch, Spitalfields, Spring"(1987) has much in common with Constable's vision of Stonehenge. The mystic solidity might seem far removed from the architect's classical masterpiece, but the artist admits he was influenced by Peter Ackroyd's *Hawksmoor*. He had been wanting to use Christchurch for 30 years, but the haunting first few chapters of the novel proved to be the catalyst.

There is often a warning cry in the artist's work. His paintings speak of man's spiritual relationship with his environment. This series emphasizes the danger of losing it.

The exhibition is a rebuke to his detractors, who have accused him of being parochial, decorative and a poor follower of Bomberg. He may choose to paint the city in which he lives as the Camden School did before him, he may have been taught by Bomberg, but comparisons with earlier modern British painters are remarkably fruitless.

He is not trying to remake earlier 20th-century British paintings. The *Marsyas* paintings emphasize his alignment with mainstream European and American art.

It is a pity that only one has been included, with "Marsyas (A Memory), No.2"(1985) being held back for New York, where the exhibition is travelling later this year. Painted in tribute to Titian's "Flaying of Marsyas" which caused such a stir in the Royal Academy's *Genius of Venice* exhibition, this series stresses connections with Titian, Pollock and, sacrilege of sacrileges, Baselitz.

Kossoff is not an Expressionist, but is wholeheartedly committed to the process of painting. His technique is a response to the state of world art. He uses it to paint his immediate surroundings.

Carel Weight (at Bernard Jacobson until October 8) celebrates his 80th birthday, which falls on Saturday. He could not be described as an international artist.

He is frequently compared with Stanley Spencer and is certainly in the tradition of the genuine eccentric that the British love to take to their hearts, belatedly, of course. In the catalogue Lord Gowrie, the *éminence grise* of Sotheby's, wittily describes him as "Munch crossed with Betjeman".

Reality clashes with fantasy. In "Primavera"(1988) a couple go out into a field on a sunny day. The woman is a relatively modern figure. Her consort is dressed like a Morris dancer, in mock peasant style, but the surprise is in the middle of the field, where Spring herself runs in the wind.

She is not from the same family as Botticelli's "Flora". She is a card-carrying harpy. An enchanting see-through garment reveals a naked, thick-set body out of control. Her hair could be made of flames. Her clumsy arms claw the air ahead of her. She is no beauty, but she is on heat.

Despite the passionate and psychological content of the paintings, Weight does play games. People are forever being cut in half by the edge of the painting. He calls one work "Happening Outside the Picture"(1980). Religion and witchcraft are everyday ingredients to his world, where anything might happen and frequently does, but the people walk on.

After visiting both exhibitions it is difficult to believe that the artists come from the same planet, let alone the same city. In fact, Carel Weight was teaching at the Royal College when Kossoff was there.He was appointed Professor of Painting the year after Kossoff left. Perhaps they are in the same tradition, perhaps not?

TELEVISION

Roads to freedom

As one of the anti-social hordes who regularly drive a single-occupancy car into the centre of London, my position on the transport problems raised in *Panorama* (BBC1) is clear. I will abandon my car just as soon as the public transport on my varied routes is faster, cleaner, and even half as convenient as the motor vehicle, as soon as the Underground is as good as Toronto's, or as soon as I am penalized off the road by pricing and parking charges. I agree I should use public transport, but I am not going to while a more painless method of getting around exists.

So, I suppose, I am the problem. But the Government's attitude, as represented in this programme by a deeply unimpressive performance from Transport Secretary, Paul Channon, seems to be that my freedom to clog the streets must be respected.

An enormous road programme will provide me with more space; road pricing, charging me for my use of the roads, would be "deeply unattractive and unfair"; the prosperous car owner will benefit at the expense of the less affluent public transport user. Subsidies for enlightened public transport are one of the first things to go under rate-capping, and free enterprise makes for competition, not co-ordination.

This is a nightmare scenario, an adoption of market forces taken to their illogical conclusion, whose result is evident every day on the M25. Sir Colin Buchanan, who wrote *Traffic in Towns*, foresaw "total confusion" in the deregulation of the present system.

Channon, challenged by reporter Peter Taylor on why there was so much more congestion, was forced back on the argument that it was a function of economic growth and prosperity. But John Banham of the CBI pointed out (from the back of his chauffeur-driven limousine) the waste of resources, time and money inherent in traffic jams. Still, even if we wanted to, we could never build a traffic system for our cities like that of Los Angeles, based on the premise that everyone drives. So people like me, who do not really need to drive, have to be dissuaded, and quickly.

Perhaps we should all take to the air. *Reach for the Skies* (BBC2), a new history of aviation, began with a man who had built a perfect replica of the Wright Brothers' plane, and it continued breathlessly with exciting accounts of various pioneers who invented new flying machines. It should realistically have included more of those, from Icarus to Challenger, who have not made it.

William Holmes

Minimal charm

Michael Nyman
Sadler's Wells

CONCERTS

Michael Nyman is not so much a composer, more a malfunctioning compact disc player, which stores and jumbles snippets of music and then keeps repeating them until you think you're going mad, going mad, going mad.

Of course, this is standard minimalist practice, but in Nyman it has a particular charm, thanks partly to the occasional wit of his musical allusions (every so often a ground bass of Baroque solidity will suddenly start sounding like the backing for an early Beach Boys number, and sometimes one smiles) and thanks also to the crudity of his sound world.

In the company of Steve Reich, Philip Glass and John Adams, Nyman is the poor relation: his raw amplified mix of buzzy saxophones, strings and metallized piano is at the furthest possible remove from their slick, glamorous ensembles, and the bright dancing of scratchy violins on the surface of his textures provides a cheerful homespun note. American sophistication has become English eccentricity.

Perhaps this is what has endeared him to an audience composed entirely of people with shaven heads wearing charcoal grey suits two sizes too big for them. On Sunday night they turned out to hear him and his ensemble perform an hour-long concert version of his score for the new Peter Greenaway film, where what drowns musically by numbers is a four-bar extract from the slow movement of Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola.

This parentage was clearest in the opening section featuring the string ensemble of three violins and cello, where gestures from the Mozart were isolated and given three times, each with terrible and frustrating inevitability. But there were echoes, too, in the other movements, including what I took to be the "Wedding Tango" (the programme notes were carelessly unhelpful), which sounded like the eighth funeral procession of a steamy day in Costa Rica.

The score also has instances of Nyman's neat knack of launching out on harmonic progressions that appear predictable but then turn corners into labyrinths: one might wish for more of these and rather fewer of the hammered eight-bar periods, but that would be to rob Nyman of his street-kid punch.

Besides *Drowning by Numbers*, there were mementos of earlier Greenaway-occasioned assaults in selections from *The Draughtsman's Contract* and *A Zed and Two Noughts*.

Paul Griffiths

Women in music: a cause well served

Lontano
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Anyone who thinks that an organization called Women in Music is a manifestation of what *Private Eye* terms "loony feminist nonsense" ought to think again. A lobbying group to champion the cause of the female composer is still highly necessary, and women in music certainly made their point in promoting this concert, which contained three strong recent works out of four.

The only weak link was Gillian Whitehead's *Out of this Nettle, Danger*, a setting of fragments taken from Katherine Mansfield's letters written at the time of her illness and consequent enforced separation from her husband. This was undoubtedly an excellent choice of subject, but the quality of invention Whitehead bestows on her text is patchy, and for all her ability to find individually intriguing sounds, she does not fit them together in any particularly compelling sequence. Neither does she know when to stop.

The rest, however, was marvellous, and nothing more so than Elizabeth Maconchy's *My Dark Heart*, a setting of prose translations of Petrarch sonnets for soprano and sextet, commissioned by the Royal College of Music for its centenary in 1983. The instinctive sense of poetry in Maconchy's freely flowing instrumental and vocal lines was achieved, one suspects, at the cost of the sort of effort only a composer of her uncompromising intergrity could sustain.

Jane Manning sang the work with a gentle melancholy which fitted words and music like a silken glove, while Odaline de la Martinez and Lontano played, as throughout the concert, beautifully.

The Old Woman of Beare, by Maconchy's daughter, Nicola LeFanu, impressed in a more aggressive but still essentially lyrical and elegantly formed manner. In this work, the aged subject of a medieval Irish poem reveals a life well lived and feelings, some of them erotic, that have remained unchanged despite her wilted, dried up body.

Manning was superb as she stepped effortlessly from a spoken soft Irish brogue to a feverishly expressive singing, backed by the haunting beat of a "talking" drum. By contrast, a piano quartet wittily spoke the lines and played the folk song fantasies of Judith Weir's *Serbian Cabaret*, another demonstration by this composer of how contemporary music can also be fun.

One last point. Why now give wine as a token of appreciation to conductor and soloist, as happened on Sunday, and as the London Sinfonietta have taken to doing with their male guests? Feminist statement apart, flowers are much nicer.

Stephen Pettitt

Confusion of intent from the podium

LSO/Tilson Thomas
Albert Hall/Radio 3

For a work that Mahler began while he was still a student, *Das klagende lied* has astonishing assurance of character and musical daring. Some of this was evident in the performance at Sunday night's Promenade concert, at which the London Symphony Orchestra and Chorus was directed by the orchestra's new principal conductor this season, Michael Tilson Thomas.

He may be a gift to the attendant television cameras, but his increasingly balletic platform flamboyance could do him an injury one of these days and is already coming between his audience and the music. At times his vehemence of gesture had the opposite effect from what was presumably intended in this dramatic cantata, since it was difficult to know if he meant the beat to be in his arms, his head or even his feet as he rose on tip-toe or jumped clear of the ground.

The Dutch mezzo, Jard van Nes, sang the most rewarding solo contribution, with Margaret Price, Siegfried Jerusalem and Henry Herford in support. An off-stage band, high in the gallery at the opposite curve of the hall, seemed to be more of an excuse for the conductor to turn about-face to cue it.

The chorus was heard to more expressive effect in Beethoven's setting of the two Goethe poems linked in *Come See* and *Prosperous Voyage*. The remaining soloist was Jorge Bolet, who reminded us how well Weber wrote for the piano in his *Konzertstück*, Op 79.

Noël Goodwin

Sheridan Morley meets two English actresses, friends with a Sondheim connection

Sisters side by side again

The new cast of *Follies*, which has started the show's second London year at the Shaftesbury, brings Millicent Martin back to the West End after an absence of 11 years and reunites her with Julia McKenzie, the co-star of her last musical over here.They have managed to sustain a "best friends" relationship since they first spent two years together here and on Broadway in *Side by Side by Sondheim* in the mid-1970s.

Martin: I first met Julia when she took over in Sondheim's *Company* back in 1972, and then a few years later David Kernan had the idea of doing a concert of songs from all Sondheim's shows. Stephen himself said it was the most boring idea he'd ever heard of, but if we insisted we could go ahead so we did.

McKenzie: Millie and I were both doing Ayckbourn comedies by then, but we got together for some Sunday nights and that led on to *Side by Side*. In rehearsal we only ever had one disagreement, and that was about who was to sing "Broadway Baby" and I won.

Martin: Only because you said you'd go out and kill yourself if you weren't allowed to do it. Cameron Mackintosh, who's also the producer of *Follies*, was supposed to be coming to see *Side by Side* on tour, only he took the wrong motorway and had to buy it for London sight unseen. Someone asked him afterwards how he'd had the courage to do that, and he said as he'd never had a success as a producer there really wasn't that much to lose. Things are a bit different for him now, with *Cats* and *Misérables* and *Phantom*.

McKenzie: When we started *Side by Side*, people over here hardly seemed to know Sondheim at all, although he was even then the greatest living writer of musicals. Now audiences practically throw their babies at you when you do a Sondheim show: there's a lot of enthusiasm.

Martin: The great thing is to keep those lyrics crystal-clear: if the audience starts to hear orchestrations and a lot of special effects then those very complex word-patterns are apt to get lost: if you miss any one of his words then you often miss a whole number.

McKenzie: The Americans at first seemed a little surprised to find a group of English singers doing Sondheim on Broadway but they were very welcoming, indeed so welcoming that Millie stayed there forever.

Martin: I'd first gone over with Julie Andrews to do *The Boyfriend* in the ice age, and I'd always loved Broadway, so it seemed logical to make a career there, especially as I'd married my singing teacher and his business was obviously there. I amazed myself by packing everything up and emigrating, but the trouble is you feel about six months old over there; nobody really knows who you are at first, so I had to keep explaining about *Expresso Bongo* and *That Was The Week That Was*. But after a while I began getting television series and that's a great way to get known in America.

HARRY KERR



Two of a kind: Julia McKenzie (left), Millicent Martin, outside *Follies*

McKenzie: That means very long telephone calls across the ocean.

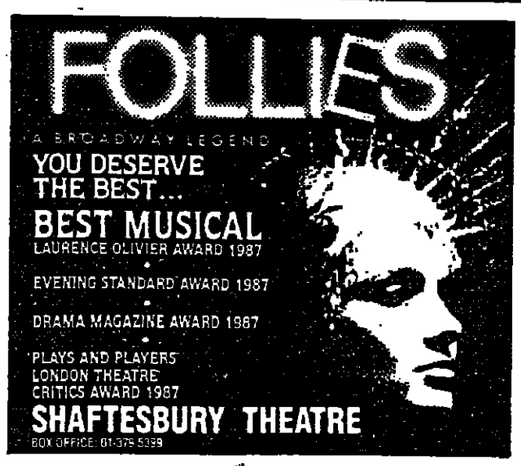
Martin: Julie is quite amazing on the phone because she never actually tells you anything. I decided I had to make some money, so I went into *42nd Street* for about five years in New York and on the road, and during that time Julie became a director and played at the National in *Guys & Dolls* and kept winning *Evening Standard* awards, but she never told me any of that because I think she was worried I'd get jealous. (Or was she?)

Women in the theatre are usually terribly competitive, but from the very beginning we never seemed to have that problem at all. Indeed I don't think I'd be back over here working now if Julie hadn't by some amazing coincidence just happened to organize a Sondheim concert at the Shaftesbury and invite me to do it in March when she knew they were starting to look for someone to take over from Diana Rigg.

McKenzie: *Follies* is a show that changes a lot: certainly the first Broadway version in 1971 was very much darker, which is perhaps why it never made any money, but even over here in the year since we opened we've been adding and cutting things.

Martin: It's a show in which there are absolutely no free gifts from the composer: well, maybe one, the "I'm Still Here" number that Eartha Kitt does. She's just wonderful, and every night the rest of us all have to stand around on stage for about 30 minutes waiting for her applause to die down. But the rest of the show doesn't play itself: you have to build it night after night, and the rewards are there, as always with Sondheim, only if you really are prepared to sweat for them.

McKenzie: Next year I'm going back to directing a new American play and I must say it'll be a relief after the energy you have to put into eight *Follies* a week: I think in terms of sheer work, it's the hardest show I've ever done.



Loved the cast, not sure about the show

Follies
Shaftesbury

Millicent Martin takes over from Diana Rigg as Phyllis Stone, in this continuing run of the Sondheim musical, reconditioned in an apparently more optimistic style than the original 1971 version; but the character obstinately refuses to take on an independent existence. The story, as most people know, concerns a reunion of old chorus girls, held in a theatre (based on the Ziegfeld Theatre) which is about to be demolished.

Sally, now married to Buddy, revives memories of a youthful fling with tall, handsome Ben, now married to Phyllis: the fault-lines of middle aged marriage are exposed and seem on the brink of fissure, but possibilities of change are finally, and without any proper resolution, written off as daydreams. If the marriages truly were on the rocks, then little has been done to rescue them; if they were not, what is all the fuss about?

The problem, at its most basic, is that nothing really happens at all. The reunion itself, without being in the least lifelike, has the rather forced and embarrassing quality that such things have in real life. It suffers from a surfeit of ageing stars, who must all go through their routines; these give Sondheim an opportunity to display his great skill in pastiche, but even that palls after a while.

Maria Charles's naughty Parisian number, resurrected from some musical hall of the Twenties, is, to be fair, highly entertaining. By far the evening's most thunderous applause comes for Eartha Kitt, as Carlotta singing "I'm Still Here": the voice does have a marvellous combination of sensuousness and cutting edge, but one cannot help feeling that what is being celebrated is the permanence of Kitt herself, rather than anything to do with the character.

The teeming imagination of Maria Björnson supplies an amazing succession of sets: mobile scaffolding, a giant grand piano, a slideshow, podia rising like mushrooms, and superbly strutting girls sprouting ever more elaborate head-confectionery. Quite what connection these creatures could have with their earlier incarnation is imponderable.

Julia McKenzie's thrillingly tender singing of numbers like "In Buddy's Eyes", as Irving Wardle commented last year, reaches parts you would not otherwise know existed.

Harry Eyres

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FASHION by Liz Smith

Soap opera with a woolly plot



Left: Edina Ronay wearing the most lavish of her signature handknitted sweaters. They are priced on average from £120 to £240, the flowery black and white chunky alpaca sweater with heavy chenille fringing she wears here costs £336; *palazzo pants in black and white rose-splashed silk cloqué*, £298; Edina Ronay, 42 Burlington Arcade, W1; 141 Kings Road, SW3; Harvey Nichols, SW1; Harrods, SW1; Madeleine Anne, Stratford-on-Avon; Yvette Winocour, Glasgow

Inset: Edina Ronay in shawl-collared jacket in red and gold rose silk and wool brocade, £528; short tulip skirt, £238; fake beaver stole, £146; Edina Ronay, London stockists as above; Quintessence, Reigate; Reina, St Helier. Photographs by Clive Arrowsmith

Above: Edina Ronay's daughter, Sheba, wearing white and blue willowpattern sweater from *The Edina Ronay Collection of 40 handknitting patterns*, Sidgwick & Jackson from October 20. Photograph by Hans Feurer

Hair and make-up by Fiona Moore for Toni & Guy, 33 St Christopher's Place, W1

The Edina Ronay saga of success continues with her first venture into the West End

His and hers overcoats are not strictly her line of business, but designer Edina Ronay made an exception for the Duke and Duchess of York. Even before she took her first step into the menswear market with a collection of sweaters shown at a Paris trade fair earlier this month, a Russian-style greatcoat tailored in black cashmere with a fake beaver collar bought by the Duchess of York had been duplicated on broader lines for Prince Andrew.

The tale of the evolution of Edina Ronay's market stall in Chelsea – frothily piled with Victorian lace petticoats and vintage cardigans – into a £2 million business purveying polished tailoring to naval princes is a saga with considerably more substance than many of today's soap operas. Beautiful Hungarian-born actress, fascinated by long-forgotten elegance, in love with vintage craftsmanship, turns her passion for Victorian lace and other lovingly-worked confections into a flourishing fashion business.

The latest instalment in the story of Edina Ronay is particularly action-packed. It chronicles the opening next week of her first West End establishment, a pretty bow-fronted shop on four floors in London's elegant little mall, the Burlington Arcade.

All those Italians, Americans and Japanese who have got to know her style in the more fashion-conscious shops back home will no longer have to make the trip down the King's Road to her original tiny corner shop. Her entire range of sweaters for men, women and children, as well as the elegant velvet-collared shapely suits, sharply cut skirts and soft evening separates, now has its own pretty showcase.

These last, added to round off the collection, are today the star performers and, despite their high price tags, are the core of her line collected by a growing band of faithful customers who include the Princess of Wales, Patricia Hodge, Lauren Bacall and Selina Scott.

Next month her first book is published. *The Edina Ronay Collection* (Sidgwick & Jackson, £16.95) is a glamorous volume of 40 knitting patterns, with pictures by the celebrated fashion photographer Hans Feurer, and stars the designer's daughter, Sheba, aged 16, on the cover and on several pages inside.

Introducing each pattern to fellow knitting enthusiasts prepared to create a unique piece of clothing for themselves, the designer shares with them the style's inspiration. She explains how the colours of a kelim reappear in an over-scaled Fair Isle pattern; vivid African tribal markings prompt a particular primitive style; the decorations on a hand-painted pottery jug in her extensive collection reappear as a naive flower design. All are items from her "little black book" in which she daily jots down details of embroideries or pictures that catch her eye.

Knitwear, based on traditional 1940s Fair Isles, cables and folksy flower designs and made by a fireside force of around 2,000 knitters marshalled across the South-East, remains Edina Ronay's speciality. One particular bobbled and cable-stitched sweater, number 441 on the order books, is invariably the top seller, appearing in every collection for the past six years. There is a limit, however, to the number of garments her skilled home-based knitters can produce in a season. Half of the Edina Ronay knitwear collection consists of more streamlined styles machine-made in Italy.

Her success is a tribute to a decade of hard work and a pragmatic approach to the fashion business, shared with her husband, Dick Polak, who gave up his career as a film producer to join her in running the company. Not for them the customary seasonal hype of a lavish fashion show (which these days costs about £10,000 to stage) or glossy West End showrooms. Instead, the base for their flourishing business is a four-storey house around the corner from their home in Putney, from which they relentlessly pursue a wider market at home and overseas.

In Japan there are already four Edina Ronay shops, and Americans especially seem to love her romantic style of knitwear, and the relaxed elegance of her classic clothes. The New York designer Ralph Lauren, a long-time fan who once asked her to create a line of sweaters, for his Polo range, jokes that he must now consciously avoid looking at her shop windows, so strong is her inspiration.

Edina Ronay has, of course, always been her own best advertisement. Because she invariably looks stunning in her own handknits, often worn with her collection of Victorian petticoats and vintage blouses and later with her personal mix of neat tailoring, it was by popular request that she expanded her collection to include the skirts and jackets necessary for the modern wardrobe.

"I care about fit," she insists. "I make sure that the cut is always flattering. I design for myself of course, but I keep in mind friends and customers and always make things that I see they might need and wear."

A love-affair with texture and beautiful cloth, and her dedication to quality, mean that prices are recklessly high. She is unapologetic. "That is the cost of good manufacture today," she says. "I want to know I will be able to bring out a jacket in five years' time and it will still look good. The line must be dateless.

"Every time I do something more contrived I rapidly go off it. The difference each season need only be a shorter skirt, a pair of shorts or some wider trousers."

A range of shirts in her new menswear collection worked out to be particularly expensive. Made in embroidered linen, charcoal-and-sand silk, with blanket-stitch edging one or two of the more informal styles to echo the embroidered sweaters, even the designer balked at the cost. Far from compromising on quality she simply withdrew them from the range.

Chanelle comeback

The echo of a famous name with a chic all its own

It's Enid Chanelle, not Coco; and note the different spelling of this particular mademoiselle. The Chanelle chain, founded in 1957 by Miss Enid Chanelle and which flourished in the Sixties, is back on our high streets.

With the sophisticated mood now in fashion, and with a strategy sharply focused on a market slotted between Principles, Next, Wallis and the more up-market Jaeger, Chanelle shops, part of the House of Fraser group since the 1960s, are re-emerging up and down the country.

Colours run in groups, changing through the seasons. Currently Chanelle is black studded with the ever-fashionable scarlet. A red wild silk strapless short dress (£110) is a perfect match to the red shawl-collared short cocoon coat in pure wool (£150).

A particular dark shade of navy will be evident all year round – as will taupe, ivory and black. The first sale made when the Bournemouth store opened recently was a dark navy and white spotted blouse (£29.99) and its matching mid-calf skirt (£35). A navy and white larger spotted polyester crêpe de Chine blouse looks crisp with a puritan collar in white, and is also priced at £35.

Some of the styling is too contrived to be chic. But if you skip racks of droopy jersey dresses with sweetheart necklines you will discover an excellent swing coat in taupe or navy pure wool velour for £129 or a long circle skirt for £49.99. To match a jacket in glossy charcoal Venetian cloth (£79.99), you have a choice of two lengths of pencil skirt (£35, £39.99), trousers (£45) and even smart cuffed City shorts (£39.99).

Where Chanelle is really going to succeed is in filling a gap in evening clothes, with smart separates way below designer prices. Smart silk collarless jackets (£35 to £60), full skirts in rich-looking tartan wild silk (£49.99) and off-the-shoulder tulip skirted dresses in wild silk at £99 will be the winners. With sizing spread from 8 to 16, with the Special Request service for clients (this ensures delivery of out of stock items), as well as matched accessories, Chanelle is again a name well worth staking out.

DAVID ANTHONY



Paisley-lined taupe cotton trenchcoat, £99, hat, £19.99, Chanelle, Bournemouth; Gateshead; House of Fraser branches



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PEOPLE

Test of talent

Murray Arbeid, with all the aplomb of the securely established designer that he is, this week faces a challenge that might have withered lesser talents.

Tomorrow he makes his debut as the couturier brought in to restore elegance and wit to Hartnell, parading the 58 autumn/winter ensembles which he has been working on since he was appointed design director for the historic fashion house in June.

Under constant threat of closure since the death of Sir Norman Hartnell in 1979, the company was saved from the receiver when it was bought a year ago by the former boss of Moss Bros, *Manny Silverman*.

Arbeid always dons the traditional couturier's white coat to conduct his off-the-peg business in the grand clothes and lavish beaded evening dresses that are worn by a host of society clients led by the *Princess of Wales*.

He is an inspired choice for the role, having begun his career in couture 35 years ago alongside *Michael Sherrard*, before opening his own upmarket ready-to-wear house in 1959. Arbeid describes the experience of stepping through Hartnell's gilded, chandelier-hung salon into the warren of couture workrooms behind it as "Proustian".

"I feel as though I have been through a time warp," he says. "The sewing machines are not quite treadle-operated, but let's say there are no computers. These are clothes for ladies, with a capital L."

● *Customer shows at Hartnell, 26 Bruton Street, London W1, tomorrow 3pm; September 28, 3pm and 6pm.*

Designer gem

Five Paris monuments, including the Arc de Triomphe, will be flooded in blue light on Thursday when *haut* jewellers Boucheron launch their first fragrance. *Princess Caroline of Monaco* is guest of honour at the party. *Alain Boucheron* chose a cabochon-cut Burmese sapphire as the model for the scent stopper.

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **BAG LADY:** Sorcha Cusack in Frank McGuinness's Edinburgh award winner.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (01-748 3354) Tube: Hammersmith. Preview tonight 8-9pm . Opens tomorrow 7.30-8.30pm, then Mon-Sat 8-9pm, £5-£7.50.

☆ **BLOOD BROTHERS:** Willy Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Kiki Dee as their mother.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm, £6.90-£16.50.

☆ **DREAMS IN AN EMPTY CITY:** Lewis Fitz-Gerald heads a strong cast in a murder thriller set in Sydney's financial world. Start of Oz '88 season.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £5-£10.

☆ **EXCLUSIVE YARNS:** Soap opera, set in a wool shop, gets in a tangle with real life: new comedy with Pam Ferris.
Comedy Theatre, Panton Street, W1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Fri and Sat 5.30-7.45pm, £4-£14.50.

☆ **EASY VIRTUE:** Attractive revival of Noël Coward 1926 with Jane How scandalizing her teenage husband's frightful county folks.
Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road WC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8.10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.30pm, mat Tues 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm. £7.50-£12.50.

☆ **STOP IN THE NAME OF LOVE:** Nostalgia musical: back to the Sixties with the Fabulous Singlettes sporting beehive hair-dos, who sing it like it was.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman St, W1 (01-867 1118). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thur 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-8.30pm and 9-11pm, £4-£13.50.

☆ **SOUTH PACIFIC:** Gemma Craven and Emile Belcourt in magnificently staged revival.
Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, W1 (01-839 5989). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm, £8.50-£20.

☆ **SUGAR BABIES:** Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller stars in nostalgia show vastly popular on Broadway.
Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888) Tube: Charing Cross. Previews from tonight, 8-10.30pm and mat Sat Sept 17 2.30-5pm. Opens Sept 20, 7-9.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 8.10.30pm and mats Thur and Sat 2.30-5pm, previews £7.50-£19. From Sept 20, £8.50-£22.

☆ **THE TAINTED HONEY OF HOMICIDAL BEES:** Edinburgh Fringe play given two awards, one for silliest title, the other for quality. Bizarre whodunnit about evil killer swarms.
Etcetera Theatre, Oxford Arms, 265 Camden High Street, NW1 (01-482 4857) Tube: Camden Town. Tues-Sat 7.30-9pm. £3.50.

☆ **TEECHERS:** John Godber's end-of-term play within a play; funny with sad bits.
Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street WC2 (01-836 3334). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 9-11pm, £3.25-£5.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Strand Theatre (01-836 2660)... ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ☆ **The Phantom of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

BATH: ☆ **Dry Rot:** Brian Rix returns to the stage to drop his trousers in this old Whitehall farce.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose, Bath (0225 65065), Mon-Fri 7.30pm, £7-£13.50.

LEICESTER: ☆ **Julius Caesar:** First half of a two play project directed by John Dexter: *Creon* (aka *Antigone*) follows later.
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 530021), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £4-£8.50.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
☎ Advance booking possible

■ **BEETLEJUICE (15):** Michael Keaton *steals the scenes as a ghost in a* supernatural comedy. Tim Burton directs (92 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.55, 4.15, 6.40, 9.05.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.00, 8.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.15, 8.40.
Screen on the Green (01-435 3366). Progs 3.00, 4.55, 7.00, 9.05.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 7691). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.30, 8.40.

BIG BUSINESS (PG): Farcial comedy re-working the Comedy of Errors plot, with Bette Midler and Lily Tomlin as two mismatched sets of identical twins who find themselves on opposite sides in a business venture. Directed by Jim Abrahams.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.35, 4.00, 6.30, 9.35.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 1.50, 3.40, 6.40, 8.50.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.10, 8.40.

■ **COMING TO AMERICA (15):** Eddie Murphy as a pampered foreign prince who comes to America to select his own bride. A botched comic vehicle with a touch of sweetness; directed by John Landis. (116 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.20, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.10, 5.15, 8.20.
Plaza 2 (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30.

■ **CROCODILE DUNDEE II (PG):** Disappointingly flat sequel to the runaway Aussie hit, with Paul Hogan repeating his role as the king of the outback (112 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.30, 9.15.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234). Progs 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30,

DROWNING BY NUMBERS (18): Three generations of women, all called Cissie Colpitts, become involved with a coroner, who knows about the deaths of their husbands in deep water (118 min).
Gate (01-727 4043). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 8.45.
☎ **Lumière** (01-836 0691). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40.

THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST (18): Martin Scorsese's long, controversial, stylistically jumbled version of Nikos Kazantzakis's novel. With Willem Dafoe as an anguished Jesus battling between the flesh and the spirit, Harvey Keitel as Judas, and Barbara Hershey as Mary Magdalene (163 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-470 2636). Progs 1.40, 5.15, 8.45.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 12.50, 4.00, 7.30.
☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 2.15, 5.30, 8.45.

■ **RAMBO III (18):** Sylvester Stallone vacates a Buddhist monastery to spring a Green Beret buddy from Soviet imprisonment in Afghanistan. A strident sequel, strewn with battles and blood.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.40.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.30, 4.00, 6.20, 9.00.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 6.00, 8.20.
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.45.

THE SICILIAN (15): Michael Cimino's latest extravaganza — an epic account of the post-war outlaw leader Salvatore Giuliano, with an odd bunch of international players (Christopher Lambert as Giuliano, Joss Ackland as a Mafia chieftain) (146 min).
Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697). Progs 2.15, 5.30, 8.45.

SHAG (15): Frivolous film, named after an American dance craze; with Bridget Fonda, Phoebe Cates, Page Hannah and a youthful cast as boys and girls entering a dance contest in the 1960s (100 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Prog 9.40.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 6.10, 8.30.

A WORLD APART (PG): Barbara Hershey, Jodhi May and Linda Mvusi star in Chris Menges's film about the effects of apartheid on a small girl (112 min).
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.19, 8.50.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(1)	**A Groovy Kind of Love**	Phil Collins, *Virgin*
2	(5)	**He Ain't Heavy**	Hollies, *EMI*
3	(4)	**Teardrops**	Womack & Womack, *Fourth & Broadway*
4	(–)	**I Quit**	Bros, *CBS*
5	(2)	**The Harder I Try**	Brother Beyond, *Parlophone*
6	(21)	**Lovely Day**	Bill Withers, *CBS*
7	(3)	**The Only Way Is Up**	Yazz & Plastic Population, *Big Life*
8	(8)	**The Race**	Yello, *Mercury*
9	(6)	**Megablast**	Bomb the Bass, *Rhythm King*
10	(15)	**Anything For You**	Gloria Estefan, *Epic*

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(1)	**Kylie – The Album**	Kylie Minogue, *PWL*
2	(–)	**Rank**	Smiths, *Rough Trade*
3	(4)	**Hot City Nights**	Various, *Protv*
4	(–)	**...and Justice For All**	Metallica, *Vertigo*
5	(5)	**Rap Trax**	Various, *Stylus*
6	(3)	**Tracy Chapman**	*Elektra*
7	(2)	**The First of a Million Kisses**	Fairground Attraction, *RCA*
8	(6)	**Bad**	Michael Jackson, *Epic*
9	(7)	**Now That's What I Call Music 12**	Various, *EMI/Virgin*
10	(14)	**Push**	Bros, *CBS*

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

ESPLUMOIR
(b) The hawking term for a special quarantine cage for hawks whose feathers are dropping out, from the French *plume* feather: "I am in my esplumoir, the cage of the moulting hawk."

CHECKY
(a) Also *chequee*, the heraldic jargon for checked, chequered, you know, divided into small squares of two colours, an aphetic version of the Old French *eschequié*: "The Herald's Term for a Bordure or Ordinary that hath more than two Rows of Checkers."

KICKY
(b) Very chic and modish; *Village Voice*: "So easy and smooth in their short, kicky skirts and pantyhose."

UPASIAN
(c) As deadly as the Upas Tree, *Antiaris toxicaria*, of Java, the milky juice of which contains a virulent poison and is used for dipping arrow-heads in, if you wish your target no good. Upas is Malaysian. Fable tells that a putrid steam rises from the Upas Tree, and that whatever the vapour touches dies.

That Durbridge touch



Stage plays are a comparatively recent feature of the thriller writer, Francis Durbridge (right), whose *A Touch of Danger* is previewing at the Whitehall Theatre. William Franklyn (above, centre) heads a cast that also stars Virginia Stride (above, left) and Pauline Yates (above, right). Master of the cliffhanger and the unexpected twist, Durbridge is best known as the creator of the enduringly popular radio detective Paul Temple, who made his first appearance back in the 1930s. Durbridge has since written countless radio and television serials but only five previous works for the stage: *Gentle Hook, Suddenly at Home, House Guest, Murder with Love* and *Deadly Nightcap*. All



have toured widely here and overseas. In *A Touch of Danger*, William Franklyn plays a successful novelist who, on his return home from a visit to Munich, discovers his obituary has been published in a newspaper. Subsequent turns of the plot involve personal danger and international espionage. Among the supporting cast are Derren Nesbitt and William Lucas and the director is Mark Piper. Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 (01-867 1119). Previews tonight and until this Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 5pm and 8pm, matinée Thursday at 3pm. All seats are £6 tonight, £7 tomorrow, £8 on Thursday, £9 on Friday, £10 on Saturday. From Monday, September 19, they will be £7.50-£12.50. On the official opening night, September 22, they will be £5, and the performance at 7pm.

Tony Patrick

☆ **SIOUXSIE & THE BANSHEES:** Return of the dotty diva plugging a respectable new album, *Peepshow*.
Manchester Apollo, Ardwick Green (061 273 3775) 7.30pm, £6.50-£7.50.

JAZZ

☆ **BARBARA THOMPSON:** The saxophonist leads her eclectic orchestra, inspired in part by the fusion music of her regular band, Paraphernalia.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191) 7.45pm, £5-£6.

☆ **DANNY THOMPSON:** His band Whatever, hovers on the borders between jazz and folk.
Half Moon, 93 Lower Richmond Rd, London SW15 (01-788 2387) 8.30pm, £3.50.

☆ **ALAN SKIDMORE:** Appropriately enough, his latest album pays tribute to John Coltrane.
Windsor Jazz Festival, Windsor Arts Centre, St Leonards Rd (0753 859421/859366) 8.30pm, £4.

DANCE

☆ **GISELLE:** Peter Darrell's gripping production for Scottish ballet.
Theatre Royal, Nottingham (0602 482626) 7.30-9.45pm, £4.50-£8.

☆ **CUMBRE FLAMENCA:** Spanish dancers, singers and musicians Andalusian gipsy-style.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Ave, London EC1 (01-278 8916). 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£13.50.

GALLERIES

EDGE 88: A festival of international work in experimental media such as performance art and installation.
Air Gallery, 6 & 8 Roseberry St, London, EC1 (01-278 7751), Mon-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 2-6pm, free, until Oct 15.

GERALD OSOSKI (1903-1981): Paintings by the teacher of faker Tom Keating.
The Hallam Gallery, 325 Upper Richmond Rd, London SW14 (01-876 2573). Tues-Sat 9.30am-5.30pm, free, until Sept 24.

HENRY MOORE AND HIS GENERATION: Including works by Sutherland, Nicholson, Hepworth and Piper.
CCA Galleries, 8 Dover St, London W1 (01-499 6701), Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30pm, Sat 10-4pm, free, until Oct 1.

EIGG AND ELSEWHERE: Coloured etchings and other prints by Donald Wilkinson.
The Scottish Gallery, 94 George St, Edinburgh (031 225 5955), Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm, Sat 9.30am-2pm, free, until Oct 5.

M.A. DEGREE SHOW: Post-graduate work from Fine Art.
Chelsea School of Art, Manresa Rd, London SW3 (01-351 3844), Mon-Fri 9.30am-8pm, Sat/Sun 9.30am-5pm, free, until Sept 15.

CAREL WEIGHT: An 80th birthday exhibition of paintings.
Bernard Jacobsen Gallery, 2a Cork St, London W1 (01-439 8355), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Oct 8.



Sir Peter Maxwell Davies (above) conducts the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in the first London performance of his Oboe Concerto at the Proms (see listing). Robin Miller is the soloist. The concerto is joined in the first half of the programme by Haydn's Symphony No 44, the "Trauer" ("Mourning"), so-called because the slow movement was played at Haydn's funeral. The second half is devoted to Beethoven's Symphony No 3, the "Eroica". Sir Peter also gives a pre-Prom talk tonight at 6.15pm.

EVENING

☆ **TRAUER/EROICA:** See caption.
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-379 4444), 7.30pm, £3-£10.

☆ **DEAKIN DAYS:** Chausson's early Piano Trio Op 3, Faure's late Piano Trio Op 120 and Ravel's Trio are heard from the Deakin Piano Trio.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30 pm, £3-£6.

OPERA

☆ **CARMEN:** David Pountney's *West Side Story*-style production still going strong with Jean Rigby in the title role and Yan Pascal Tortelier conducting.
English National Opera, Colliseum, St Martins Lane, London, WC2 (01-836 3161), 7-10pm, £2.50-£26.

ROCK

☆ **FISHBONE:** Exciting, young, black, psycho-funk metal band from Los Angeles. Often cross-referenced with Vernon Reid's Living Colour, but boasting a much wider-ranging repertoire of styles. UK debut.
Dingwalls, Camden Lock, Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 (01-267 4967) 8pm, £5.

☆ **GYPSY KINGS:** A 15-piece, neo-Flamenco group from Arles in the South of France provides the first instalment of an ICA-promoted week titled *The Lords And Ladies Of Little Egypt*, featuring prominent Romany musicians from Europe and Asia.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 8pm, £6.50.

☆ **WOMACK & WOMACK:** "Teardrops" may be the best song in the current chart and *Conscience* is an estimable album, but the soul family's live shows remain an embarrassingly old-fashioned shambles.
Mall, High Street, Stockton (0642 611082) 8pm, £5.90-£7.90.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **BISHOPSGATE RITE:** Stephen Coombs and Christopher Scott play Stravinsky's own piano duet version of *Le Sacre du Printemps* and the original four-hands score of Debussy's Petite Suite.
Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, London EC2 (01-247 6844). 1.05-1.50pm, £2.

☆ **MUHLFELD MUSIC:** Equipped with clarinet, cello and piano, the Mühlfeld Trio performs Beethoven's Trio Op 11, Juon's *Trio Miniaturen*, Bainbridge's *Three Players*, and Six Miniatures by Williams.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

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WALKS

INNS OF COURT – ENGLAND'S LEGAL HERITAGE: meet Chancery Lane tube, 11am, £3 (also next Tues).

HIDDEN INTERIORS OF OLD LONDON: meet Temple tube, 11am, £3 (also next Tues).

ANCIENT INNS AND TAVERNS OF OLD LONDON: meet Temple tube, 7pm, £3 (also next Tues).

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: meet Baker Street tube, 11.30am £3 (also next Tues).

OTHER EVENTS

57th CHELSEA ANTIQUES FAIR: Marmaduke Hussey opens this popular annual event.
Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Rd, London SW3. Today until Sept 24, Mon-Fri 11am-8pm, Sat 11am-6pm, closed Suns. Admission £3.50 includes catalogue.

CIRCUS SENSO: Opportunity to see one of the fastest and most colourful modern non-animal circus troupes.
Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts. (box office 0438 354568). Today 6.30pm and 8.45pm, tomorrow 7.45pm. Adult £4-6, child £2.50-4.50.

LOCH FYNE FOOD FESTIVAL: For Londoners unable to travel to Scotland to sample the best that Loch Fyne has to offer, breakfast with kippers, lunch and dinner with oysters, smoked and fresh salmon, mussels and herring will be available at the Stafford Hotel throughout the week.
The Stafford Hotel, St James's Place, London SW1 (01-493-0111). Today until Fri. Table d'hôte lunch £16.25, dinner £23.

TOY, TRAIN AND MODEL COLLECTORS FAIR: Old trains, dinky toys, tinplate, model railways and other collectors models.
Northampton Mote House, Silver St, Northampton. 7-10pm.

POETRY EVENING: Alison Fell reads from her new collection *The Crystal Owl*.
National Poetry Society, 21 Earls Court Sq, London SW5 (01-373 7861). Reception 6.30pm reading 7.30pm. Adult £3 student £2.50.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL OF LITERATURE: Programme includes commemoration of centenary of T S Eliot's birth and Byron's bicentenary. Guests include Harold Pinter, Michael Foot, John Mortimer, Penelope Lively, Margaret Drabble, Melvyn Bragg, Douglas Dunn. Theatre from Foco Novo (with specially commissioned *Consequences*), and Sneak's Noyse and The Chaucer Man in *Chaucer's Canterbury Tales*. Venues include Town Hall, Everyman Theatre, Newest Community Centre, Tithe Barn at Stanway, and Sudeley Castle. Also lectures, children's events and book fair, literary ball and quiz. Oct 1- 16.
Town Hall, Imperial Square, Cheltenham (0242 523690).

HORSEMAN'S LECTURES: Series of six lectures on subjects including farriery, veterinary examination, and police work with horses. Thursday evenings, Oct/Nov. £3.50 per lecture, £19.50 for series.
Details: Miss Clancy, Centre for Extra Mural Studies, 26 Russell Sq, London WC1 (01-636 8000 ext 3854).

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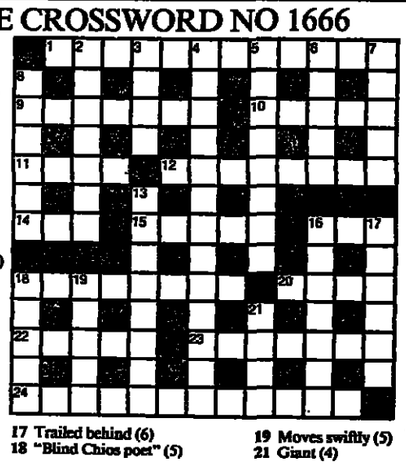
SUMMERSCOPE: Final week of South Bank Summer festival, with *The Tell Tale Heart* Zap Club presentation of horror, mystery, comedy and dance based on Edgar Allen Poe; and Opera Factory London Sinfonietta in *Così fan tutte*. Ends Fri.
Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800).

NEW DESIGNS AND ARCHITECTURE FROM FINLAND: Survey of innovative work of Finnish designers over last five years, with chairs, textiles and hi-tech products.
Royal Museum of Scotland, Chambers St, Edinburgh. Ends tomorrow.

MATTHEW HALE: Paintings by Winchester student, who was one of winners of 1987 Artists Award at Whitechapel. Ends Sun.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, High St, Whitechapel, London E1 (01-377 0107).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

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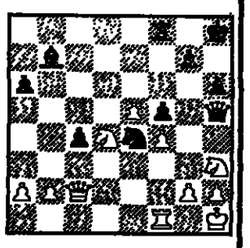
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16 Chiropter (3)
18 Secluded spot (8)
20 Men only party (4)
22 Stupid person (5)
23 Innocent girl (7)
24 Brilliant appearance (12)

DOWN
2 Agony (7)
3 Wheel shaft (4)
4 Board and lodging (13)
5 Frivolous (8)
6 Cheek powder (5)
7 List parts (5)
8 Scolded (6)
13 Fragments shell (8)
16 Plants-related (7)
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18 "Blind Chios poet" (5)
19 Moves swiftly (5)
21 Giant (4)

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game between Torres (White) and Alekhine (Black) played in Seville 1922. Black plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: Black wins with 1 Oxg2+

ENTERTAINMENTS

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6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.35** Clark and McCullough in *Gay Nighties* (b/w). **6.55** Weather **7.00** Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Kirsty Wark. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional news and weather **9.00** *News and weather* followed by **Geoffrey Smith's World of Flowers.** The history and origins of the lily (r). **9.30 Model World.** The second of two programmes on military modelling (r).

10.00 News and weather followed by **Look, Stranger.** Profiles of Derek and Jeannie Tangye who gave up successful careers in London to earn their living growing potatoes in Cornwall (r).

10.25 Children's BBC introduced by Andy Crane *beginning with* **Play School** (r). **10.50 The Perishers** (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven.** Cyril Cusak with a reading

11.00 *News and weather* followed by **Arthur Negus Enjoys** tea at Wilton House, Wiltshire, with Michael Smith (r). **11.30 Cook With Clare.** Clare Connery prepares afternoon tea (r).

12.00 News and weather followed by **Dallas** (r). (Ceefax) **12.50** Cartoon **12.55** Regional news and weather.

1.00 *One O'Clock News* with Michael Buerk. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** Mrs Mangel jumps to the wrong conclusion when she spots Gail leaving Jeremy's hotel bedroom.

1.50 Film: The Divorce of Lady X (1938) starring Laurence Olivier, Merle Oberon and Ralph Richardson. Romantic comedy *about a lawyer and a young woman who meet by chance in fog-shrouded London.* Directed by Tim Whelan **3.20 Cartoon 3.25 Go for It!** (r).

3.50 PC Pinkerton. The first of a new animated series **4.05 Fireman Sam** narrated by John Alderton (r). **4.10 Ratman** (r). **4.20 Beat the Teacher.** Quiz game introduced by Bruno Brookes

4.35 Chegwin Checks It Out. In the first of a new series of six programmes Keith Chegwin investigates cartoons and comics **5.00** *Newsround* **5.10 Grange Hill.** Episode one of a 20-part serial (r). (Ceefax) **5.35 Neighbours** (r).

6.00 Six O'Clock News with *Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton.* Weather **6.35 London Plus**

7.00 Telly Addicts. The Blakemores of Bolton meet the Coates family from Portsmouth. The questionmaster is Noel Edmonds

7.30 EastEnders. Michelle decides to see Duncan again about their problem lodger. (Ceefax)

8.00 Fawlty Towers. Basil makes plans to improve the class of client at the hotel. Starring John Cleese (r).

8.30 Double First. *Comedy series* starring Michael Williams as a man whose promising career in the diplomatic service comes to nothing and he ends up living on the charity of two sisters who were with him at Oxford. (Ceefax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather

9.30 The Four-Minute Mile. The second and final part of the story of Roger Bannister's quest for the first sub-four minute mile. (Ceefax)

10.55 When I Get to Heaven. Maya Angelou talks to Bishop Richard Holloway about what is her idea of life after death.

11.30 The Pointer Sisters Up All Nite. Late night in Los Angeles with the singers and Bruce Willis, Whoopi Goldberg and the McGuire Sisters.

12.20am Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Data on Cars. Ends at **7.20. 9.00 Ceefax**

10.00 The Waterloo. The Greenall Whitley Crown Green Bowling Handicap introduced by Richard Duckenfield from the Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool

12.30 Open University Showcase: Microelectronics for Industry **12.55** Managing a Crisis (r). *1.20 Gran* (r). **1.25** *Philomena* (r).

1.35 The Waterloo. Further crown green bowling action from Blackpool

2.00 *News* and weather followed by *Sweat of the Sun, Tears of the Moon.* In the last programme of the series Jack Pizzy meets the Colombian president Belisario Betancur (r).

3.00 *News and weather followed by* **The Waterloo.** The final four matches for a place in the quarter-finals of the men's crown green bowling competition. Includes news and weather at **3.50**

5.00 Family Portrait. The David family of Port Talbot (r).

5.30 Gardeners' World from Barnsdale (r).

6.00 *Film: At Gunpoint* (1955) starring Fred MacMurray as a peaceful storekeeper who accidently shoots dead a bank robber. Directed by Alfred Werker.

7.20 David Hemery. A profile of the former 400 metres hurdles Olympic champion and world record holder.

8.00 *Floyd on Britain and Ireland.* Keith Floyd cooks in a castle kitchen on Loch Fyne. (Ceefax)

8.30 Brass Tacks: A Life Worth Living? Post-treatment care *available to brain-damage* victims in this country

9.00 Red Dwarf. Episode two of the six-part comedy serial (Ceefax)

9.30 The Mind Machine. (see Choice)

10.25 ScreenPlay Firsts: Queen Sacrifice. The story of a young Welsh chess prodigy in Bournemouth playing in his first British Chess championship.

10.55 Newsnight 11.40 Weather.

11.45 The Waterloo. Highlights

12.10am Open University: Chile in the International System. Ends at **12.40.**

ITV/LONDON

9.00 TV-am begins with the news followed by **The Morning Programme** introduced by Mike Morris; **7.00** News followed by **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. **After Nine** includes news and an item on autumn fashions.

9.25 Thames news and weather

9.30 Runway. Travel and general *knowledge quiz presented by* Richard Madeley **10.00 Rainbow.** Learning with puppets **10.20 News headlines 10.25 Thames news** and weather

10.30 Film: Donovan's Reef (1963) starring John Wayne and Lee Marvin. Two Second World War veterans enjoy life on a South Sea island until one of the men's daughter arrives from Boston to claim her long-lost father. Directed by John Ford.

12.30 The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.

1.00 News at One with Jon Snow **1.20 Thames news** and weather

1.30 Golden Girl The second and final part of the drama about an American woman athlete starring Susan Anton and James Coburn. Dryden discovers that the Golden Girl has been used as *a guinea pig for her adoptive* father's scientific experiments and tries to help her but it is too late (r). **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 The Young Doctors.** *Medical drama serial set* in a large Australian city hospital

4.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for the young **4.10 Tube Mice.** Cartoon **4.20 The Sooty Show** with Matthew Corbett and guest Dennis Taylor **4.45 Count Duckula** (Oracle)

5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game

5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news** and weather followed by **Crimestoppers**

6.20 Help! Reckless driving is discussed

6.25 Film: The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad (1958) starring Kerwin Matthews, Richard Eyer and Kathryn Grant. The Prince of Bagdad searches for a piece of roc shell which will help the diminutive Princess Parisa to regain her normal size after being reduced by a wicked magician. Directed by Nathan Juran

8.00 The Bill. A drunken bus driver *leaves a trail of destruction; and* WPC Martella has to deal with an excitable Italian family and a corpse. (Oracle)

8.30 Wheel of Fortune. General *knowledge game show presented* by Nicky Campbell and Angela Ekaette.

9.00 Film: The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976) starring Clint Eastwood as a farmer whose family is massacred by Captain Terrill's Union raiders during the American Civil War. When the war is over he vows to kill every one of Terrill's men responsible for the murders. With Chief Dan George, Sondra Locke and Bill McKinney. Directed by Clint Eastwood. *(continues after* the news)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. **10.30 Thames news** and weather

10.35 *Film: The Outlaw Josey Wales* continued

12.05am Magnum. Rick's boat returns from a cruise without anyone on board. Starring *Tom Selleck and John Hillerman.*

1.00 For the Honor of Their Country. Olympic athletes, past and present, from Kenya and Mexico

2.00 News headlines followed by **Film: Three Men to Kill** (1980) starring Alain Delon, Pierre Dux and Dalila Di Lazzaro. Thriller about a hunted man who becomes the hunter. Directed by Jacques Deray.

4.00 News headlines followed by **Superstars of Wrestling.**

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 *Just 4 Fun* (r).

12.30 Business Daily.

1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series. The guest is James Taylor

2.00 Film: When the Clouds Roll By (1919, b/w) starring Douglas Fairbanks. Silent action comedy about an obsessively superstitious man who is *pushed to the point of insanity* by his psychiatrist. Directed by Victor Fleming.

3.15 The Nut (1921, b/w) starring Douglas Fairbanks as a wealthy *young man who finds all kinds* of trouble when he helps a lady with her work with underprivileged children. A silent film directed by Theodore Reed.

4.20 Murun Buchstansangur. Cartoon

4.30 Fifteen-to-One.

5.00 American Football includes highlights of the game between the New York Giants and the San Francisco 49ers.

6.00 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy series starring Bill Cosby

6.30 *Space on Earth. Aspects of* modern architecture (r). (Oracle)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Sue Carpenter

7.50 Comment followed by **Weather**

8.00 The Stars. *How astronomers* unlock secret codes and messages hidden in starlight. (Oracle)

8.30 Moneyspinner. Personal *financial advice series*

9.00 Face Value – The Hollywood Portrait. The fascination of collecting photographic portraits of Hollywood stars. *(Oracle)*

10.00 St Elsewhere. Black comedy series set in a run-down Boston hospital

11.00 Hot Metal. Comedy series set *in the offices of a Fleet Street* tabloid newspaper (r).

11.30 After Image. Visual arts series

12.00 Running Late live from the Nikon Centre in Tokyo. Among those interviewed are Steve Cram, Daley Thompson and Yvonne Murray

2.00 Major League Baseball 1988. The Detroit Tigers at the New York Yankees. Ends at **3.00.**

Using the grey matter

TELEVISION CHOICE



Professor Blakemore presents a series of programmes about our most sophisticated computer, the brain (BBC2, 9.30pm)

● Colin Blakemore is Professor of Physiology at Oxford University and a man strongly committed to the communication of science to a wider audience. They are ideal qualifications for hosting **The Mind Machine** (BBC2, 9.30pm), a 13-part exploration of the human brain and mind. Though this is his first big television assignment, he takes it easily in his stride – he is authoritative without being pretentious, enthusiastic but not gushing and pleasingly informal. The trouble with his opening programme is not its presentation but its structure. Having set himself the task of explaining a tricky subject to a mainly lay audience, Professor Blakemore adopts the James Burke technique of whizzing us backwards and forwards in time and space, which may give the show pace and entertainment value but is not always an aid to understanding. We leap from ancient Greece to present day Africa, from Richard Leakey to Desmond Morris, taking in a couple of sentences about Plato, a reference or two to Descartes, a bit on Pavlov, then Freud and back to Darwin and so on, a whistle stop tour of droppable names which does little to illuminate the matter in hand. Definitions might have been helpful: most of us know what a brain is but is "the mind" a concept instinctively understood by the person in the street? But it is always difficult to judge a long series by the first programme. As Professor Blakemore moves from generalities to specific themes (among those to be covered in future episodes are memory, madness, pain, ageing and addiction) I am confident that he, and we, will be on firmer and more profitable ground.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

VHF Stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
News on the half hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** *Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson)* **12.45** Roger Scott **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Liz Kershaw **10.00-12.00** John Peel

Radio 2

VHF Stereo (except **10.00pm** to **12.00 midnight**) and **MW** (medium wave)
News on the hour
4.00 Bill Rennells **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Sarah Kennedy **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Vince Hill **5.05** Chris Serle **7.00** Steve Race Presents the Radio Orchestra Show **9.00** This Was Maurice *Chevalier (see Choice)* **10.00** The Grumbleweeds **10.30** Strike a British Note **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00** Patrick Lumi presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Celluloid Rock 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Language Extra 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Health Matters 8.30 Beethoven 9.00 World News 9.09 *Review of the British Press* 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 English Songsmiths 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Discovery 10.30 Londres Midi 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 *Wavegude* 11.25 *Book Choice* 11.30 Citizens 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 1 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 Outlook, opening with World News 2.45 Without Strings 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 World News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 English by Radio 4.45 Londres Soir 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 Programmes in German 7.00 Outlook, opening with News Summary 7.39 Stock Market Report 7.45 Report on Religion 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Meridian 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Country Stables 9.15 Just Plain Madness 9.39 The Cross and the Crescent 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 From the Proms 12.00 World News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Omnibus 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Report on Religion 1.45 Country Style 2.00 World News 2.09 *Review of the British Press* 2.15 Lyrics and Lyricists 2.30 Citizens 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Six Four Eight News 3.35 Financial News 3.45 Morgenmagazin 4.45 *The World Today* 5.00 *World News* and Twenty-Four Hours 5.30 Londres Matin.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Vivaldi (Concerto in C (RV 114): Taverner Players under Andrew Parrott); Vecchi (So ben, mi, ch'ha ben tempo: Amaryllis Consort); Tchaikovsky (Capriccio italien: Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Busoni (Prelude and Fugue (An die Jugend): Geoffrey Madge, piano); Haydn (Symphony No 100 in G: Columbia SO under Bruno Walter); Mosolov (Suite from Soldiers Songs: Osipov Russian Folk Orchestra under Vitaly Gnutov); Sibelius (Finlandia: Hallé Orchestra under John Barbirolli)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Lennox Berkeley. Six Preludes Op 23: Colin Horsley (piano); Four Poems of St Teresa of Avila, Op 27: New Irish CO under André Prieur with Bernadette Greevy (contralto); Piano Concerto in B flat, Op 29: New PO under Nicholas Braithwaite with David Wilde; Spring at this Hour, Op 37 No 2: Exultate Singers under Garrett O'Brien
9.35 Domenico Scarlatti: Kenneth Gilbert (harpsichord) plays Sonatas in C minor (Kk 158), in E (Kk 206 and Kk 207), in A (Kk 429), and in B minor (Kk 377)
10.05 The Tertis Legacy: Emanuel Vardi (viola) and Kamron Sturrock (piano) perform Bliss's Sonata (1932), Paganini's Caprices (Op 1): Manny Albam's Sonata, and Tibor Serly's Rhapsody on folk songs, harmonised by Bartok (1950)
11.15 Hallé Orchestra: Neville Marriner conducts Schubert's Symphony in D (D 936a); Mozart's Horn *Concerto No 4 in E flat* (K 495); and Walton's Symphony No 1 in B flat minor. With Michael Thompson (horn). Includes **12.00** Interval reading (r)
1.00 News
1.05 Summer Music: Medici String Quartet with Isabella Petrosjan (violin) and John Bingham (piano) perform Roussel's Quartet in D, Op 45; Szymanowski's Sonata in D minor, Op 9, for violin and piano; and Chausson's Concerto in D, Op 21, for *violin. Includes 1.55 J O* Roberts reads from George Borrow's *Wild Wales*
2.45 Two Centuries of Russian Music: Hummel: orch Glinka (Memory of a Friendship: Moscow RSO under Algis Zurans); Balakirev (Reminiscences of Glinka's opera *A Life for the Tsar:* Earl Wild, piano); *Glinka* (Incidental music from Prince Kholmsky: USSR SO under Svetanov); Glazunov (Violin Concerto in A minor: RCA Orchestra under Walter Hendl with Jascha Heifetz); Scriabin (Prometheus: LPO under Maazel with Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano); Shostakovich (Three Fantastic Dances: Cristina Ortiz, piano; and Two Pieces, Op 11, for string orchestra: Soviet Emigré *Orchestra under Lazar* Gosman); and Myaskovsky's Symphony No 7 Op 24: Slovak PO under Michael Halasz)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: A selection of piano music presented by Roger Nichols
6.30 Music from Crete: Costas Moundakis (lyra), Manos Moundakis (mandolin) and Ross Daly (laouto) perform Stafidianos; Sousta; Ritzitiko; Syrto; Erotokritos; and Pendozali (r)
7.00 News
7.05 *Third Ear Collection:* Derek Watson talks with John Mauceri, Music Director of the Scottish Opera (r)
7.30 Proms 88: Live from the Royal Albert Hall, London. Scottish Chamber Orchestra under Peter Maxwell Davies, with Robin Miller (oboe), perform Haydn's Symphony No 44 in E minor (Trauer); Maxwell Davies's Oboe Concerto; and Beethoven's Symphony No 3 in E flat (Eroica). Includes **9.20** The conductor/ *composer talks about his* recent concertos and his work with the SCO
9.45 The Device: by Robert Forrest. Why does a *promising young artist* neglect his work in favour of solving the mystery behind a miniature portrait? With Paul Young, Sarah Collier and Vincent Friell
10.45 Boismortier: Recordings by Kim Walker (bassoon), Clena Stein (double-bass), and Darryl Nixon (harpsichord) of Sonatas Op 50: *No 1 in E minor*; and *No* 4 in D minor
11.00 Composers of the Week: Grieg. Six Norwegian Mountain Melodies; Five *Songs, Op 60; and Slatter,* Op 72 (r)
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 1.35pm-2.00 and 3.03-3.50 The Waterloo and Welsh Professional Golf **SCOTLAND:** 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 5.35pm Today's Sport **6.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35** Neighbours **6.58-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **ENGLAND:** 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except:10.30-am Films: Disney's The Sword and the Rose 12.10pm-12.30 Return from Olympus 1.20 Anglia News and Weather 1.30 Film: Men of Boys' Town 6.00 About Anglia 6.30 Jimmy Greaves 7.00 Love Me Love Me Not 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 12.10am The Twilight Zone 12.30 Fleetwood Mac 2.00 Asterios's Top Ten 2.30 Throb 3.00 The Outsiders 4.05 About Britain 4.30-5.00 Farming Diary

BORDER As London except:1.20pm-1.30 Border News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Lookaround Tuesday 6.35 Jimmy Greaves 7.00 Love Me Love Me Not 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 12.10am Film: The Legacy 2.00 America's Top Ten 2.30 Three's Company 3.00 Night Beat 4.05 About Britain 4.35-5.00 Jobfinder

CENTRAL As London except:12.30pm Home Cookery Club 12.35-1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20-1.30 Central News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Central News 6.30 Jimmy Greaves 7.00 Love Me Love Me Not 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 12.10am Film: The Legacy 2.05 America's Top Ten 2.30 Space 3.35 Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War 4.30-5.00 Central Jobfinder '88

CHANNEL As London except:5.25am-9.30 For Openers 10.25-10.30 Daily Diary 1.20pm-1.30 Channel News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.25 *Channel Report* 12.05am *Donahue* 1.05 Film: Eagle's Wing 2.55 Company 3.00 Night Beat 4.00 America's Top Ten 4.30-5.00 The Human Factor

GRAMPIAN As London except:5.25am-9.30 *First Thing* 10.30-12.30pm Film: The Reins of Ranchipur 1.20-1.30 Grampian Headlines 6.00 North Tonight 6.30 Take the High Road 7.00 Love Me, Love Me Not 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 12.10am Film: The Legacy 2.00 America's Top Ten 2.30 Three's Company 3.00 Night Beat 4.05 About Britain 4.35-5.00 Jobfinder

GRANADA As London except:1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Sons *and Daughters* 6.00 *Granada Reports* followed by This is Your Right 6.30 Jimmy Greaves 7.00 Love Me Love Me Not 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 12.10am Film: The Legacy 2.00 America's Top Ten 2.30 Three's Company 3.00 Night Beat 4.05 About Britain 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder

HTV WEST As London except:1.20pm HTV News 1.30-3.25 Doctor at Large 5.00 HTV News 6.30 Jimmy Greaves 7.00 Love Me Love Me Not 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 12.05am *Prisoner:* Cell Block H 1.00 Derrick 2.00 Trans World Sport 3.00 Beyond 2000 4.00 For the Honor of Their Country 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00-6.30pm Wales at Six

SCOTTISH As London except:1.20pm-1.30 Scottish News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30 Love Me Love Me Not 7.00 Take the High Road 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 12.10am Film: The Mechanic 2.00 America's Top Ten 2.30 Three's Company 3.00 Night Beat 4.05 About Britain 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder

TSW As London except:1.20pm-1.30 Today News and Weather 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00 Today 6.30 Jimmy Greaves 7.00 Love Me Love Me Not 7.30-8.00 Gardens For All 12.10am Film: The Legacy 2.00 America's Top Ten 2.30 Three's Company 3.00am Night Beat 4.05 About Britain 4.30-5.00 Farming News

TVS As London except:1.20pm-1.30 TVS News and Weather 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.25 *Coast to Coast* 12.05am Donahue 1.30 Film: Eagle's Wings 2.55 Company 3.00 Night Beat 4.00 America's Top Ten 4.30-5.00 The Human Factor

TYNE TEES As London except:1.20pm Regional News 1.25-1.30 Lookaround 6.00 Northern Life 6.30 Jimmy Greaves 7.00 Love Me Love Me Not 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 12.12 Film: The Legacy 2.02 America's Top Ten 2.30 *Three's Company* 3.00 *Night Beat* 4.05 About Britain 4.35-5.00 Jobfinder

ULSTER As London except:2.25am-9.30 The Day Ahead 1.20pm-1.30 Ulster Newstime 6.00 *Six Tonight* 6.30 Jimmy Greaves 7.00 Love Me Love Me Not 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 12.30am News, close

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.30pm-1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20-1.30 Calendar News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Calendar 6.35 The Fall Guy 7.30 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 12.05 The Twilight Zone 12.30 Scene of the Crime 2.00 Walking on Air 3.00 *Three's Company* 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder

S4C Starts: 10.00 Film Strike up the Band 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.35 Filalabalam 1.00 Sesame Street 2.00 Countdown 2.30 *Golf!* 4.00 *Irish Rathways* 4.30 Bewitched 5.00 American Football 6.00 Newyddion 6.15 Hafod 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Golff 7.30 Palu 'Mlaen 8.00 Ffatri Gerdd 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Aderyn Papur 10.35 Si Elsewhere 11.30 After Image 12.00 Running Late 2.00 Major League Baseball 3.00 Diwedd

RTE 1 Starts:4.05 News headlines and Weather followed by Bosco 4.35 Comedy Capers 4.50 The Flame Trees of Thika 5.45 News 6.00 *The Angelus* 6.01 *Danger Bay* 6.25 Cartoon Time 6.45 Head of the Class 7.10 Scarecrow and Mrs King 8.05 The Flying Doctors 9.00 News 9.20 Intimate Contacts 10.30 Film: The House Across the Bay 11.55 News 12.00 Close

RTE 2 Starts:5.15 Emmerdale Farm 5.40 Scotland's Story 6.10 The Associates 6.35 Country Practice 7.05 Beyond 2000 8.00 Naucht 8.05 Explore 8.30 Stevie Nicks 9.35 Film: And When They Shall Ask 11.20 **News headlines followed by Nightlight, close**

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on **VHF**
6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today including **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **8.42** The Past is Myself by Christabel Bielenberg: Part two. *Read by Ann Morrish* **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: Subject under discussion is sport and politics. To participate ring 01-580 4411
10.00 News; Seven Ages of Health: Georgina Ferry investigates two projects that aim to promote healthy living in teenagers and young adults
10.30 Morning Story: The Invigilator by Frances McNeil. Read by Rosalind Knight
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Citizens (s)
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent
11.50 A Suitcase and a Star: Astronomer John Parkinson visits Singapore (r)
12.00 You and Yours: Consumer news and advice with Debbie Thrower
12.25 Quote . . . Unquote: Nigel Reeves with guests Martin Jarvis, Humphrey Lyttelton, Gemma O'Connor and Dr Stefan Buczacki (s) (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Items on today's programme include the Labour peer, Jane Ewart-Biggs, talking about her book *Lady in the Lords;* an interview with *Eddie Reader, lead singer of* Fairground Attraction, who had a hit record with "Perfect" earlier this year; a feature on clay and whether mud has any healing properties; and a discussion on the role of midwives
3.00 News; Tuesday Follies: The Bright Red One by Renny Krupinski. With John Baddeley and Renny Krupinski (s)
3.30 The Tingle Factor: Andrew Davis talks to Brian Kay about his favourite musical moments (s)
4.00 News
4.05 In Business: Last in the series about the world of commerce. Presented by Peter Day
4.30 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy: by John le Carré, starring Bernard Hepton as George Smiley (6 of 7) (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Relative Values: Michael O'Donnell examines the realities of modern life through the eyes of four families (3) (s)
8.00 The Christian Centuries: Brian Redhead explores the world of Kasa, a 9th-century wit, epigrammatist and abbess (r)
8.30 With Great Pleasure: The poet Roger McGough presents a selection of his favourite poetry and prose *before an audience in the* Liverpool Playhouse. With Polly James and Bill Nighy (s) (r)
9.15 In Touch: Magazine programme for people with a visual handicap
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes a review of Graham Greene's new novel *The Captain and the Enemy;* plus a report on the Welsh National Opera's production of *Falstaff,* directed by Peter Stein; and guests Tim Waterstone, André Deutsch and Liz Calder discuss the state of publishing on both sides of the Atlantic
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: My Uncle Silas by H E Bates. *Abridged and read by David* Neal (2) The Shooting Party **10.25** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: Presented by Alexander MacLeod
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Russian Choral Music: Extracts from Tchaikovsky's Vespers, Op 52 performed by Glinka Kapella Choir of Leningrad directed by Vladislav Chernushenko (2)
12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping
VHF as above except: **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Music Makers **11.20** Saga of Erik Nobeard **11.40** Junior Dance **1.55-3.00** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.00** Recorder Club **2.20** 11-14 Project: English **5.50-5.55** PM (contd) **11.30-12.10** Open University **11.30** Introduction of Calculus: Exam **11.50** Technology: Values for Money

FREQUENCIES: **Radio 1:** 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 198kHz/1515m;VHF-92-95. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF648kHz/483m.

RADIO CHOICE



Maurice Chevalier's private and public life (R2, 9.00pm)

● Although Charles Castle's **This Was Maurice Chevalier** (Radio 2, 9.00pm) has run only a third of its course, there are clear indications that this biography of the entertainer is not going to stick to the rules. It has, for example, been *de rigueur* for any programme about Chevalier to include "Louise" as soon as possible. Part one of this biography comes and goes without even a whiff of it. True, we *get* "Valentine", but that can scarcely be called Chevalier's signature tune. And, another thing. This must be the first time on radio that we have been told to expect disclosures about Chevalier's suicide attempts and his obsessive meanness. As to the latter, there is just the merest hint of it tonight in the revelation that one of the loves of his life was so devoted to her money-bags that she would bury them in her garden. It was from her, apparently, that Chevalier picked up his own fondness for the franc. New to me is the *disclosure that it was when* Chevalier was rolling about on stage inside a carpet with Mistinguett that the seeds of love (in a manner of speaking) were sown. Castle's script is spoken by Daniel Pageon who sounds as authentically French as Chevalier.

Peter Davalle

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Space shuttle scientists to join the fight against Aids

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

The search for an effective treatment against Aids is being carried into space by British scientists.

Later this month the American space shuttle will carry an experiment designed by Wellcome, the pharmaceutical company, to investigate the properties of a substance thought to play a key role in enabling the Aids virus to overwhelm the body's disease-fighting system.

Scientists at Wellcome believe that by growing in orbit a pure crystal of the substance, an enzyme called reverse transcriptase, they may be able to design drugs which are more effective against the virus.

Crystals grown in the weightless conditions of space have a much more regular structure than those grown in Earth-based laboratories.

This enables scientists to determine precisely the shape, and therefore the chemical properties, of compounds.

Working with a team under Professor Sir David Phillips of Oxford Unviersity's department of molecular biophysics, Wellcome has developed a technique which should produce a small, yet perfectly formed crystal of the enzyme for analysis back on Earth.

"If we were to get a crystal that was one-third of a millimetre along one edge, that would be good", a company spokesman said yesterday.

"It would give us a three-dimensional structure for the enzyme. How it folds up is important to how it works."

Reverse transcriptase enables the Aids virus to inject its own genetic blueprint into that of healthy cells, and thus overwhelm them.

Scientists trying to develop anti-Aids drugs hope that by interfering with the effect of reverse transcriptase they may be able to stop the spread of the Aids virus throughout the body.

Wellcome has already launched one such drug, Retrovir, which is now being used in more than 40 countries.

However, its action, like that of the enzyme it interferes with, remains something of a mystery.

An improved understanding of both could lead to a new version of Retrovir that would be more effective with fewer side-effects, and to other, as yet undiscovered, treatments.

The decision to go into space in an attempt to find answers is a measure of the frustration Aids scientists are experiencing in developing effective treatments.

Wellcome itself described the decision to put the experiment aboard the Space Shuttle as "a bit of a long shot".

However, the experiment will be seen as a significant endorsement of the argument for Britain keeping a significant role in space. Attempts to build a good enough crystal of the enzyme on the Earth have so far ended in failure.

Wrecked house of top Ulster official



Shattered glass and debris littering the front driveway of the badly damaged Bloomfield home, situated in the village of Crawfordsburn, in North Down.

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to be available only to judges, magistrates, senior prison officers and certain politicans. Many prominent officials and even a significant number of very senior police officers, who are subject to high levels of security at work, are entirely unguarded in their leisure hours.

The unofficial explanation for this is cost. The RUC, which has been subjected to a campaign to cut overtime, has a Security Branch dedicated to such work, but it is understood to have only a few hundred officers. RUC bodyguards are said to be so stretched that, at times, they attempt to persuade their charges not to go out in the evenings but to entertain more at home.

Nevertheless, other fundamental weaknesses in security have clearly exposed the family. The 1985 Ulster telephone directory contains his name and address, although this was changed recently.

This is not the first time that serious flaws in security have been exposed for Civil Servants. In 1976, a bomb exploded at the home of an English civil servant on secondment to Northern Ireland. What was not revealed at the time, *The Times* can now disclose, is that the man was the head of the security services in Northern Ireland.

The incident was doubly embarrassing because the bomb was planted on a Saturday night, when the man was holding a party at which a number of VIPs were present. The device was only discovered by the chauffeur of one of the guests.

The RUC said that the terrorists responsible for yesterday's bombing had probably placed the four bombs, containing Czechoslovakian-made Semtex explosive and live ammunition, at about 5am.

The timing devices were set to detonate an hour later. Two bombs next to the garage and a conservatory were detonated with devastating effect, wrecking the roof and two walls.

The detonator of one of the two remaining bombs, left by the front door, exploded, but neither device went off.

"If all the explosives had gone off, I have no doubt that the house would have been demolished completely," said RUC Inspector Brian Patterson, whose men stepped over the unexploded bombs to bring the family to safety.

"The intention was clearly to blow up the house and kill the occupants," he said.



Sir Kenneth and Lady Bloomfield: Escaped death by minutes in the early morning bombing.

Sir Kenneth was educated in Belfast and joined the Ministry of Finance in 1952 after studying at Oxford University.

In 1974 he served as permanent secretary of the power-sharing executive and took over his present job four years ago.

The IRA first identified Civil Servants working at the Northern Ireland Office as 'legitimate targets' in 1976, likening them to members of the armed forces.

In 1976, two English Civil Servants were the targets of bomb attacks at Holywood, only four miles from the scene of yesterday's bombing.

Three Ulster Civil Servants also survived the bombers in the same year.

There were two further unsuccessful attempts to kill Civil Servants in 1977.

Bomb in car link to IRA campaign

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chael Hucker, representing the SAS, Mr McGrory said: "I am going to put a great many more things to this witness indicating that he is not telling the truth. My instructions are that a plan was devised sometime before March 6 that, if this active service unit came into Gibraltar, they would be killed."

Mr Hucker said: "Soldier F has been accused of telling lies in this court. I object to that in the strongest possible terms."

The SAS commander stressed that the aim of the operation was "to arrest the Provisional IRA active service unit so that they could come before the courts and be properly dealt with as criminals and receive their just deserts for the sort of operation they were attempting to mount here in Gibraltar".

Soldier F said that when the SAS team was given control of the situation by the Gibraltar police commissioner it was on the point of arresting the terrorists "in an ideal situation" when the three unexpectedly split up.

"In that sort of situation, you have to arrest all three together and as close in time as you can possibly manage in order to minimize the threat", he said.

"We did not know which of the three had an initiation device (to explode a bomb). We did not know which of the three would employ it. With the threat that these three people posed, you could not risk the lives of the people of Gibraltar by going on a two-one hunt."

Soldier F, who was not present at the scene, said: "The SAS are trained to fire very accurately and in some circumstances, mainly associated with the role of counter-terrorism, to be able to fire very quickly if the threat merits it."

He said officers could probably fire six bullets each in as little as three seconds. A total of 27 bullets were fired.

Soldier F confirmed in evidence that the SAS officers had flown to Gibraltar several days before the shootings. They had left later on the day of the shootings without giving statements to the local police. He said that a Gibraltar police officer flew to Britain about three days later to take statements.

Mr Alan Fereday, a a forensic scientist at the Royal Armaments Research and Development Establishment, Kent, said he examined a Spanish report on the 141 lbs of Semtex explosive, detonators and timing devices found in a car in Spain which had been hired by the terrorists.

● *The Sunday Times* is being referred to the Gibraltar attorney general for possible contempt proceedings after publishing remarks made out of court by Professor Alan Watson, a pathologist who gave evidence, and for speculating on Mr Fereday's evidence.

The inquest continues today.

Diplomat arrested after gun incident

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sex Gardens, Paddington. No one was injured.

Dr Oscar Fernandez-Mell, the Cuban ambassador, went to the scene when it was reported a diplomat had been firing shots at random.

After the man claimed diplomatic immunity, the Scotland Yard anti-terrorist squad was called in, but a spokesman said police were satisfied that it was not a terrorist incident.

No one else is being sought by police.

Detectives sealed off the flat of Señor Ramos, and an officer wearing a flak jacket, speaking through the rear door of the apartment, tried to talk the diplomat into giving himself up.

The diplomat is understood to have started shooting after he was confronted by another man with a gun as he returned to his home in The Quadrangle.

The diplomat then chased the man towards Sussex Gardens, before police alerted by the bus driver arrived and sealed off the area.

According to witnesses, he then ran up the back stairs to Señor Ramos's flat and bolted the door.

"I heard the shots and went outside but everything seemed so calm I assumed it was not a shooting", said the landlord of a local public house.

It is the second serious incident involving firearms and foreign diplomats in less than 10 days.

Last week, Mr Khang Than Nhan, a Vietnamese third secretary, was expelled by the Foreign Office after being photographed brandishing a handgun at demonstrators outside his embassy in Kensington.

All foreign embassies in London have since been told that the possesion and use of firearms is illegal.

London Transport said the driver and conductor of the Number 36 bus gave statements to police at Paddington Green, as did a number of passengers.

Shia extremists close to releasing German kidnap victim

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A separate letter from the kidnappers said that Herr Cordes would regain his freedom "within 48 hours" and asked Syrian and West German officials to wait for the kidnapped man at the Beau Rivage Hotel in west Beirut. The building is adjacent to the Syrian Army's headquarters in the city.

French hostages have in the past been released at the Beau Rivage.

As if to suggest that they knew Mohammad Hamadei would remain in prison for the foreseeable future, the kidnappers' letter went on: "The release does not at all mean giving up or forgetting smuggler Mohammed Hamadei for he is and will always remain in our thoughts and hearts."

There was a widespread feeling in west Beirut last night that if Herr Cordes was released he would be transferred immediately to Damascus and flown from Syria to West Germany.

● **FRANKFURT:** A spokesman for the West German Foreign Ministry said yesterday that the announcement that Herr Cordes was to be released "came as no surprise" (Tony Catterall writes).

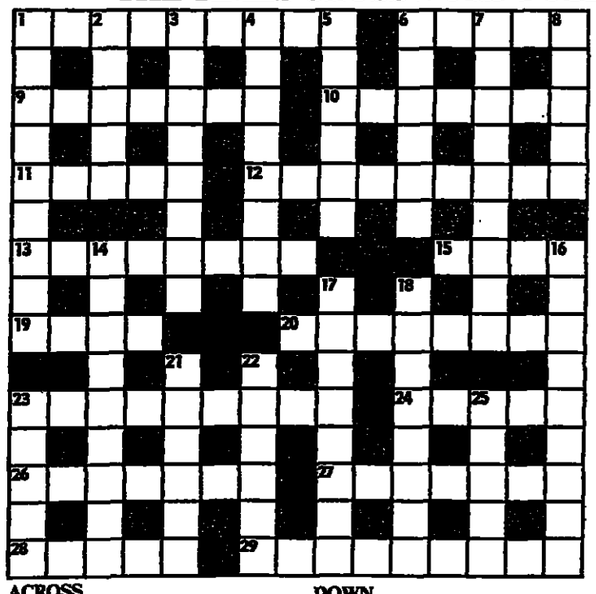
He said Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, met his Iranian counterpart often in recent weeks to discuss the case. And on Friday, Mr Muhammad Javad Larijani, the Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister, visited Bonn.

The radical Shia kidnappers are regarded as being under Iran's influence.

"In particular, our policy on the Gulf conflict contributed to the imminent release of Herr Cordes," the spokesman said. "It has not been forgotten in Tehran that we helped them out of their dilemma in finding a way to accept the United Nations ceasefire resolution.

It was also clear that the Iranians were trying to "collect good points" in the international community.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,773



ACROSS

1 In the gloaming, Henry takes a hurried departure (4-5).
6 Started, for instance, during prohibition (5).
9 Incompetent personage (7).
10 Burden sports official with bad weather (7).
11 We're told of a simple ruler (5).
12 State providing replacement clothing (3,6).
13 Not on the right track, a fellow, gets lost, naturally (2,6).
15 Chesterfield, producer of more than one note (4).
19 Loyal servant's end comes with regret (4).
20 Forceful disruption of event on both sides of the border (8).
23 Dream that shattered for party-goer (3,6).
24 Finally, you miseries, you cheer up and take over (5).
26 What was (and is) necessary to upset it? An iceberg (7).
27 Was unruly youth a follower of English teams? (7).
28 Lift's temporary stop (5).
29 Command the overseas members to follow those without commissions (5,4).

DOWN

1 What loiterers (and drapers?) do (4,5).
2 Tipsy servicemen join unit (5).
3 Plant in which socialist union gives nothing away (8).
4 Sheering off, slightly envious (8).
6 A bit of a blow if you can't get lunch here? (6).
5 Put on a seat, do we hear? Put off a seat (6).
7 Lad gets on — could become a statesman (9).
8 Girl in New York who looks after children (5).
14 Revolution put Cade to a lot of trouble (4,5).
16 Strike in terminals in Australasia (9).
17 Favour bringing brief break to a close (8).
18 Strange little coin, an old French one, presented to story-teller (8).
21 A vessel put in the water (6).
22 In this house-coat student hides from view on rising (6).
23 Pit, a contest of skill (5).
25 Express put into circulation (5).

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

ESPLUMOIR
a. An ink-well
b. A moulting cage
c. A feather négligé

CHECKY
a. Checked
b. Insolent
c. Partial check at chess

KICKY
a. An early version of football
b. Trendy and chic
c. A backhander or bribe

UPASIAN
a. From Northern Asia
b. Benevolent and philanthropic
c. Deadly poisonous

Answers on page 20, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,772

E	S	T	O	P		P	U	R	C	H	A	S	E	S
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WEATHER

It will be a cool, showery and rather windy day, although there will be sunny spells. Showers will be most frequent and heaviest in Scotland and northern England at first. They should become lighter and start to die away from the north-west later in the day. The best of the sunshine will be in western and southern England and south Wales. Outlook: Staying cool with sunny spells and showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	26	79	s	Malta	27	81	f
Alicetkt	28	82	s	Melb'rne	10	50	r
Alex'dria	28	82	f	Mexico C*	19	66	fg
Algiers	30	86	s	Miami*	30	86	f
Athens	25	77	s	Milan	25	77	s
Bahrain	34	93	s	Montreal*	17	63	s
Barbados*	30	86	f	Moscow	15	59	c
Bermuda*	31	88	f	Nairobi	25	77	c
Biarritz	21	70	c	Naples	26	79	f
Borde'x	22	72	c	N Delhi	33	91	s
B Aires*	22	72	s	N York*	21	70	f
Cairo	32	90	c	Nice	24	75	f
Cape Tn	15	59	f	Oslo	16	61	f
C'blanca	37	99	s	Paris	18	64	f
Chicago*	29	84	s	Peking	30	86	s
Ch'church	18	64	f	Perth	22	72	s
Corfu	27	81	s	Rhodes	26	79	s
Dublin	14	57	s	Rio de J	29	84	s
Dubrovnik	24	75	s	Riyadh	40	104	s
Faro	29	84	s	Rome	25	77	s
Florence	26	79	c	S F'isco*	19	66	s
Frankfurt	18	64	f	Seoul	25	77	f
Funchal	23	73	f	Sing'por	26	79	c
Geneva	22	72	s	Strasb'rg	20	68	c
Gibraltar	23	73	f	Sydney	21	70	f
Helsinki	13	55	r	Tangier	31	88	s
Hong K	32	90	s	Tel aviv	29	84	s
Innsbruck	19	66	f	Tenerife	26	79	s
Istanbul	23	73	s	Tokyo	28	82	c
Jeddah	35	95	s	Toronto*	19	66	s
Jo'burg*	26	79	c	Tunis	32	90	f
L Palmas	25	77	s	Valencia	26	79	f
La Tquet	16	61	c	Vanc'ver*	15	59	s
Lisbon	30	86	s	Venice	25	77	f
Locarno	23	73	s	Vienna	22	72	s
L Angels*	19	66	c	Warsaw	17	63	c
Luxemby	15	59	f	Wash'ton*	27	81	s
Luxor	37	99	s	Wel'nton	13	55	f
Madrid	29	84	s	Zurich	20	68	c

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	7.3	.17	16	61	sunny
Cromer	5.6	-	17	63	bright
Lowestoft	2.2	-	19	66	cloudy
Clacton	3.6	-	19	66	bright
Margate	3.9	.08	18	64	rain
Hastings	2.5	-	18	64	cloudy
Brighton	2.0	-	18	64	cloudy
Sandown	5.4	-	19	66	bright
Bournemth	6.4	-	19	66	bright
Weymouth	5.4	-	20	68	sunny
Exmouth	8.0	-	18	64	sunny
Torquay	7.5	-	19	66	sunny
Falmouth	7.5	-	17	63	sunny
Penzance	9.0	.01	17	63	sunny
Scilly Isles	9.4	.02	17	63	sunny
Jersey	1.9	-	18	64	cloudy
Guernsey	4.8	-	18	64	sunny
Newquay	9.1	.02	18	64	sunny
Ilfracombe	*	.06	*	*	sunny
Minehead	7.2	.01	17	63	sunny
Morecambe	6.9	.34	16	61	bright
Douglas	7.4	.44	15	59	shower
Buxton	4.7	.05	15	59	bright
Sheffield	5.7	.28	15	59	shower
Leeds	6.5	-	17	63	bright
Nottingham	7.5	-	18	64	sunny
Anglesey	8.5	.10	17	63	sunny
Colwyn Bay	6.7	.11	17	63	bright
Tenby	9.9	.04	17	63	sunny
Aberdeen	8.8	.02	17	63	sunny
Aviemore	7.5	.01	15	59	sunny
Eskdalemuir	5.6	.16	14	57	shower
Kinloss	6.1	.05	16	61	shower
Lerwick	7.0	.07	13	55	shower
Prestwick	2.5	.14	16	61	shower
Stornoway	7.0	.15	14	57	shower
Tiree	3.1	.02	15	59	shower
Wick	8.2	.06	14	57	shower

* Denotes figures not available
These are Sunday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.58	6.9	4.05	6.9
Aberdeen	3.02	4.2	3.33	4.0
Avonmouth	9.20	12.7	9.39	12.9
Belfast	12.49	3.3	1.08	3.0
Cardiff	9.05	11.7	9.14	11.9
Devonport	7.56	5.3	8.04	5.3
Dover	12.49	6.3	1.07	6.6
Falmouth	7.28	5.1	7.34	5.1
Glasgow	2.40	4.6	3.20	4.1
Harwich	1.52	3.9	2.00	4.0
Holyhead	12.04	5.5	12.22	5.5
Hull	8.16	7.5	8.40	7.2
Ilfracombe	8.02	8.8	8.13	8.9
Leith	4.30	5.4	4.52	5.5
Liverpool	1.05	9.2	1.19	9.0
Lowestoft	11.26	2.5	—	—
Margate	2.03	4.5	2.03	4.7
Milford Haven	8.16	6.8	8.27	6.8
Newquay	7.06	6.8	7.17	6.9
Oban	7.50	3.9	7.47	4.0
Penzance	6.55	5.4	7.03	5.4
Portland	9.11	2.1	9.14	2.1
Portsmouth	1.17	4.4	1.38	4.5
Shoreham	12.58	5.9	1.19	6.0
Southampton	12.39	4.4	1.01	4.5
Swansea	8.24	9.1	8.35	9.2
Tees	5.31	5.4	5.54	5.2
W'ton-on-Nze	1.43	4.2	1.52	4.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are BST

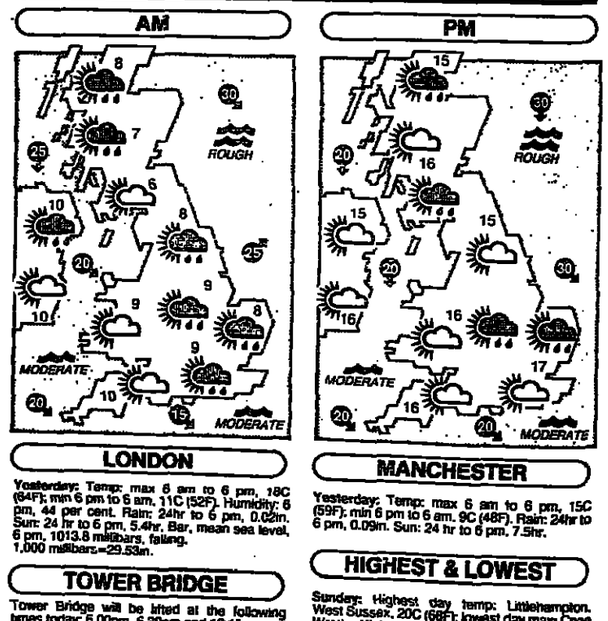
THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.205	2.065
Austria Sch	22.50	21.70
Belgium Fr	69.00	65.50
Canada $	2.18	2.07
Denmark Kr	12.45	11.85
Finland Mkk	7.75	7.35
France Fr	11.04	10.49
Germany Dm	3.243	3.083
Greece Dr	260.00	246.00
Hong Kong $	13.75	13.00
Ireland Pt	1.21	1.15
Italy Lira	2435.00	2305.00
Japan Yen	237.50	225.50
Netherlands Gld	3.67	3.48
Norway Kr	12.07	11.47
Portugal Esc	268.75	254.75
South Africa Rd	4.60	4.10
Spain Pta	215.00	205.00
Sweden Kr	11.33	10.73
Switzerland Fr	2.74	2.60
USA $	1.775	1.685
Yugoslavia Dnr	5825.00	4825.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 106.7 (July)

London: The *FT* Index closed up 3.2 at 1481.7.



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6 pm, 44 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.4hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1013.8 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 6.00pm, 6.30pm and 10.15pm

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 7.49 pm to 6.04 am
Bristol 7.59 pm to 6.14 am
Edinburgh 8.05 pm to 6.13 am
Manchester 7.59 pm to 6.11 am
Penzance 8.10 pm to 6.27 am

Sun rises: 6.32 am
Sun sets: 7.19 pm
Moon rises 8.59 am
Moon sets 7.41 pm
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MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.09in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.5hr.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

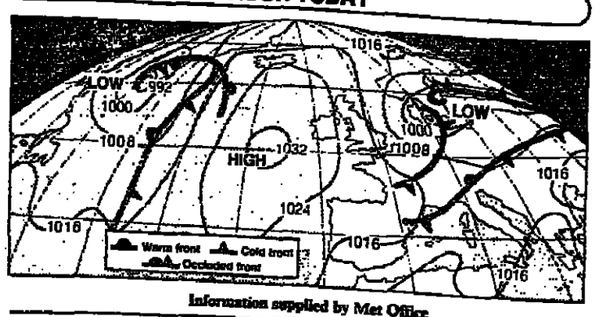
Sunday: Highest day temp: Littlehampton, West Sussex, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Cpae Wrath, Highland, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Douglas, Isle of Man, 0.44in; highest sunshine: Guernsey, 11.0hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	16	59	r	Guernsey	16	61	c
B'mingham	15	59	f	Inverness	12	54	f
Blackpool	14	57	f	Jersey	14	57	d
Bristol	15	59	r	London	18	81	f
Cardiff	18	61	c	M'chester	13	55	f
Edinburgh	13	55	c	Newcastle	14	57	c
Glasgow	14	57	s	R'nldsway	14	57	c

NOON TODAY



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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1401.7 (+3.2)	US dollar 1.6955 (–0.0015)
FT-SE 100 1744.6 (+6.2)	W German mark 3.1282 (–0.0062)
USM (Datastream) 158.57 (+0.41)	Trade-weighted 75.7 (same)

THE TIMES

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13 1988

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Gold price lowest for 18 months

The London gold price dipped to its lowest level since March 1987, at $416 an ounce, after a volatile day in precious metal markets. It was fixed yesterday afternoon $8.85 lower of its Friday close at $419.40 an ounce.

The Jewish holiday, a half-day trading session in Zurich and weekend weakness in Far East markets all contributed to the downturn.

Investors were also made nervous when gold fell below the $425 an ounce level, and as the metal challenged the main support line of $420 stop-loss orders were automatically executed.

Silver followed in sympathy losing 8p at 378.75p an ounce.

Rugby soars

Britain's construction boom boosted profits of Rugby group by 42 per cent. At £31.5 million before tax, they compared with £22.1 million for the first half of 1987. An interim dividend of 2.3p per share against 1.875p last year adjusted for the one for one share split. Earnings per share surged 46 per cent to 6.96p.

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Tarmac buy

Tarmac, which has made an agreed £140 million bid for Ruberoid, is buying Innes Lee Industries, which makes bricks, for £10.6 million. Tarmac claims to hold 8.2 per cent of Ruberoid after buying more shares on Friday.

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2076.28 (+7.47)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 27756.74 (+109.64)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2468.94 (–27.62)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 267.3 (+0.5)
Sydney: AO ..... 1515.7 (–31.2)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1506.6 (+15.6)
Brussels:
General ..... 4997.7 (+26.4)
Paris: CAC ..... 351.5 (–0.2)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... n/a
London:
FT–A All-Share ..... 904.40 (+3.15)
FT–"500" ..... 986.43 (+3.52)
FT Gold Mines ..... 176.6 (–7.2)
FT Fixed interest ..... 95.34 (+0.23)
FT Govt Secs ..... 88.67 (+0.27)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Henderson Admin ..... 660p (+15p)
Kwik Save ..... 323½p (+10p)
Travis & Arnold ..... 370p (+23p)
RMC ..... 441p (+8½p)
Fine Art Dev ..... 215p (+11p)
Trade Indemnity ..... 552½p (+10p)
Brent Walker ..... 377p (+10p)
Thames TV ..... 370½p (+22p)
Yorkshire TV ..... 201½p (+11p)
Continental & Ind ..... 850p (+25p)
Grainger ..... 500p (+24p)
Merivale Moore ..... 430p (+35p)
Harland Simon ..... 342p (+28p)
FALLS:
Wolstenholme Rink ..... 400p (–20p)
SA Breweries ..... 265p (–15p)
Allied Irish ..... 245½p (–12p)
Highgate & Job ..... 200p (–10p)
Beecham ..... 462p (–9p)
Tiphook ..... 385½p (–10p)
Barlow Rand ..... 312½p (–10p)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month interbank $12^{3}/_{16}$-$12^{1}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: $11^{7}/_{16}$-$11^{1}/_{16}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8¾%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.26-7.24%*
30-year bonds $101^{9}/_{32}$-$101^{5}/_{16}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6955	£: $1.6955*
£: DM3.1282	$: DM1.8453*
£: SwFr2.6348	$: SwFr1.5535*
£: FFr10.6410	$: FFr6.2770*
£: Yen226.35	$: Yen133.48*
£: Index:75.7	$: Index:98.8
ECU £0.661188	SDR £0.766431

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $418.00 pm-$419.40
close $419.50-420.00 (£247.25-247.75)
New York:
Comex $419.90-420.40*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct.) pm $12.95bbl ($13.50)
* Denotes latest trading price

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● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Sun Life (02082) fell 43p on news of a rights issue; deregulation proposals helped TV stocks with Thames (02011) up 25p, Yorkshire (03182) up 12p and LWT (01215) up 8p; a merger agreement added 23p to Travis & Arnold (01865) but knocked 5p off Sandell Perkins (02104).
● Aberdeen American Petroleum is now Aberdeen Petroleum (04042).
● Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off-peak inc. VAT.

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City calm as retail sales hit new high

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The retail sales boom continued last month, official figures show, while inflationary pressures in the economy are increasing.

But the latest retail sales and producer price statistics were received calmly in the City, which had braced itself for further signs of overheating.

Dealers said this week's economic statistics will have to be exceptionally poor to force a rise in base rates from 12 per cent, but there are worries about the August trade data on September 27.

Retail sales volume, which jumped by 2.4 per cent in July, added a further 0.5 per cent last month. The index of retail sales volume rose to a record of 140.8 (1980=100), 6.6 per cent up on a year earlier. The average weekly value of sales was £2.1 billion.

The increase was not as large as some analysts feared. But, taken together with the record 475,000 new car registrations last month and a big increase in foreign holidays, it suggests no let-up in the pace of demand. Mr Ian Harwood, economist at Warburg Securities, said there was a slight sense of relief in the financial markets that the August sales increase was not larger, but that demand continued strong on the back of rapid growth in real incomes.

Officials at the Department of Trade and Industry said sales were at or near their peak in all categories of business last month, with particularly strong sales of consumer durables and other household goods.

In the latest three months retail sales volume was 2 per cent up on the previous three months and 6.5 per cent up on a year earlier.

The producer price data showed that the cost pressures on industry remained subdued, but that firms are raising prices, and probably taking advantage of strong demand to increase their margins.

Prices for home sales of manufactured goods rose by 0.4 per cent last month, to a level 4.9 per cent up on a year earlier.

This compared with a rate of 4.7 per cent in July and was the highest rate since December 1986. Mr Gwyn Hucche, economist at James Capel, said the figures were disappointing. "They do indicate a modest upturn in underlying inflation," he said.

The main reason for the rise appears to have been an acceleration in price increases in the food, drink and tobacco industries. Since February, the rate of increase for factory gate prices in these sectors has risen from 2.1 to 4.6 per cent, while the acceleration for the rest of manufacturing has been more modest, from 4.7 to 4.9 per cent.

There was better news on input prices. The cost of raw materials and fuel purchased by manufacturing industry was unchanged, seasonally adjusted, last month, after a 0.1 per cent rise in July. The 12-month increase edged down from 4.3 to 3.9 per cent.

The main rise in industry's material costs in recent months has been in metal prices and food manufacturing materials. Last month food manufacturing materials fell in price, while the rise in metals prices levelled off.

Bank lifts mortgages to 13%

By Vivien Goldsmith, Family Money Editor

Barclays Bank has lifted its mortgage rate to 13 per cent, becoming the first of the high street banks and large building societies to respond to the latest rise in interest rates.

The rise of 1.2 percentage points increases the repayments on a £25,000 endowment mortgage over 25 years by £18.76 a month to £203.13, and the cost of a repayment mortgage by £15.25 to £221.50. A £60,000 endowment mortgage will rise £52.50 a month to £568.75.

The new rate takes effect from today. The bank is not legally obliged to send out letters to borrowers to notify them of a change in the mortgage rate – it can announce the move in advertisements and in branches – but will be writing to customers as soon as possible.

The other banks are expected to announce similar increases in their mortgages rates this week. The building societies are looking towards operating an increase in mortgage rates from October 1, which gives them until next week to announce new rates and bring them into effect.

Travis and Perkins boosted by £223m agreed merger

By Colin Campbell

Travis & Arnold and Sandell Perkins, two companies with individual and extensive interests in the builders' merchants sector, have agreed a £223 million merger which will put the combined Travis Perkins group into at least fifth place in its league, with an annual turnover upwards of £350 million.

The merger terms are eight Sandell Perkins shares for every five Travis & Arnold shares, which values each Travis & Arnold share at 356.8p. The merger has the backing of 38.6 per cent of Travis shareholders and 41.3 per cent of Perkins' shareholders.

On the stock market yesterday, Travis shares advanced from 347p to 370p. Perkins' shares closed 5p down at 218p.

Under the merger terms Travis will own 56.5 per cent of the enlarged group and Sandell Perkins 43.5 per cent. The combined group will

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have a starting net cash balance of between £15 million and £20 million.

Mr Tim Perkins, chairman of Perkins, and Mr Tony Travis, chairman of Travis & Arnold, stressed that both companies had long family and trade associations and both boards had concluded that a merged group could travel further and faster than two individual companies.

The enlarged group will operate from 171 sites, and should benefit from the booming construction levels in southern and central England.

The current high trend of interest rates had not, as yet, had any adverse impact on trading conditions though both sides had reservations about trading trends should interest rates continue to rise.

Travis yesterday announced pre-tax profits of £10.2 million for the six months to June (£7.1 million), on a turnover up from £91.24 million to £102.3 million. Group net trading margins improved from 6.79 per cent to 8.32 per cent. The interim dividend is being raised from 1.29p to 1.6p a share.

In terms of the merger, Travis shareholders are to receive a special payment of 16p a share, and Perkins shareholders a special interim dividend of 1p a share.

Maxwell suffers US bid setback

By Wolfgang Münchau

Mr Robert Maxwell's ambitions to strengthen his presence in international publishing experienced a setback with an announcement by Macmillan, the US publisher, that it is backing an $85 a share leveraged buyout by its own management.

It comes after Macmillan's rejection of two previous offers for the company – Mr Maxwell's $80 a share offer and a previous $75 a share offer by Mr Robert Bass, the Texan financier. Over the weekend Mr Maxwell announced his intention to raise his offer further to $84 a share.

The management buyout bid values the company at $2.5 billion (£1.47 billion) and is backed by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the finance company which specializes in leveraged deals.

Mr Maxwell is now expected to withdraw from the race for Macmillan after a letter to Mr Edward Evans, the chairman of Macmillan, last week in which he said: "If you have a financed binding alternative proposal which will generate a greater present value for your shareholders, I will withdraw my bid."

This has been interpreted by industry analysts that Mr Maxwell is no longer interested in the company.

A spokesman for Mr Maxwell declined to comment on whether Mr Maxwell is about to annouce a withdrawal.

Besieged insurer's £158m French connection



Joining forces: Peter Grant (left) of Sun Life and Jean Peyrelevade of UAP yesterday (Photograph: Julian Herbert)

Sun Life in European link-up

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Sun Life, the besieged independent life assurance company, has agreed a £158 million link with Union des Assurances de Paris, France's biggest composite insurance group, to sell life assurance across Europe.

The deal would give the state-controlled UAP an 18.2 per cent shareholding in Sun, and Sun a stake in UAP. But it will have to be approved by Sun Life shareholders at a meeting in a fortnight's time and is likely to face stiff opposition.

The link would create an alliance to sell pensions and life assurance initially in Italy and Spain, and probably Belgium. M Jean Peyrelevade, UAP's chairman, said: "Each time we find an opportunity in Europe, we will try to work together. We are looking all over Europe."

The plan would also dilute the 26 per cent shareholding of Mr Donald Gordon's Transatlantic Insurance Holdings, which has vainly tried to gain boardroom representation and management influence over Sun Life.

Sun Life plans a £62 million one-for-seven rights issue at 600p a share to fund its European expansion plans. It declared a 10 per cent rise in its interim dividend to 12.58p per share. But its shares dropped 35p to 1,163p, after touching 1,138p immediately after the announcement.

Mr Peter Grant, chairman

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of Sun Life, said he thought the plan was "rather exciting. I think shareholders will like it." Mr Gordon said he would not make up his mind until full details were available but that shareholders would have to think. "If I vote this thing through, I face a £1.50 to £2 a share drop in the value of my investment." The Belgian insurance company Groupe AG, which recently bought 6.2 per cent of Sun Life, is also likely to be displeased.

UAP is the biggest shareholder in Royale Belge, its main domestic competitor, and the deal would rule put co-operation between Sun Life and Groupe AG.

Under the terms of the agreement, Sun Life will issue 13 million shares to UAP valued at £158 million before yesterday's share price fall. In exchange, it will receive loan stock convertible into a 15 per cent stake in UAP International, UAP's subsidiary for operations outside France.

Allied Irish bids for rest of US bank

By Cliff Feltham

Allied Irish Bank took a leap on to the world banking stage yesterday with a $340 million (£200 million) bid for the outstanding 49.7 per cent shares in the United States First Maryland Bancorp.

There was no reaction last night from First Maryland, which is among the top 50 banks in the United States, but observers expect the offer to win approval of the board. A special committee has been set up by the bank to consider the offer.

Mr Niall Crowley, the chairman of Allied Irish Bank, said that the company considered that the "long-term interests of the two banks, as they face the challenges of the rapidly-developing financial markets in Europe and the United States, would best be served by combining their resources."

Allied Irish is offering $35.25 a share for the remaining stock which is widely held by United States financial institutions.

At the same time the bank is beefing up its balance sheet by going to shareholders for Ir£110 million (£94 million) with a heavily discounted two for seven rights issue at Ir180p a share. This represents a 41 per cent discount to last Friday's closing price and as a result the bank has decided not to underwrite the issue, thereby making a considerable cost saving.

Allied Irish, which is one of Ireland's largest financial services organizations, is forecasting profits before tax for the six months to the end of September of not less than Ir£70 million, an increase of 21 per cent, before exceptional provision for Latin American debt.

Based on this forecast, the directors of Allied Irish Bank are expecting to pay an interim dividend of Ir5.75p a share, up from Ir5.25p.

First Maryland, which has assets of $5.6 billion and had an income before tax of $45.3 million, has 183 branch offices in Maryland specializing in consumer and corporate business.

Allied Irish, which reported profits before tax of Ir£134.4 million for the year just ended, has over 500 offices in Ireland and Britain. It acquired a 43 per cent stake in First Maryland in 1983 and has steadily increased its holding to its present level of 49.7 per cent at a total cost of nearly £90 million.

Mr John Aitken, analyst at County NatWest, said: "The deal looks like a cheap acquisition and a sensible one for Allied Irish. It puts them into a much bigger league than an Irish bank would normally warrant."

Oil price slides below $13

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The world oil price continued to fall yesterday with prices for North Sea crude dropping below $13 for the first time in over a year and renewed speculation that Opec will call an emergency meeting of its ministers before the November 21 scheduled date.

However, Saudi Arabia yesterday agreed to include BP and Shell in its latest round of price discounts and said that it will continue to offer "market-related prices."

The Saudi move sets the scene for a battle among Opec producers for market share in the run up to the winter stocking season.

Progress continues

	Six months to 2/7 1988	Six months to 4/7 1987
Operating profit	£ 27.8m	£ 23.4m
Profit before tax	£ 34.1m	£ 30.3m
Turnover	£318.1m	£261.6m
Earnings per share	15.1p	12.6p
Interim ordinary dividend	3.4p	2.9p

▲ Operating profit up by 19%
▲ Increased turnover with real growth from organic development and acquisitions
▲ Continued growth in earnings per share
▲ Increased profits in all main areas with Europe now significant
▲ Interim dividend increased by 17%
▲ Completed nine acquisitions costing £40m in the last eighteen months

Geoffrey Wilson, Chairman
Delta plc

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Investors attracted by tax relief on BES scheme

£200m rush to put cash into housing

By Our Economics Correspondent

Investors are pouring money into private rented housing under the Government's Business Expansion Scheme, the Treasury claimed yesterday.

Mr Norman Lamont, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said the Budget decision to make investment in private rented housing eligible for tax relief under the BES was resulting in an inflow into such schemes far in excess of Treasury expectations.

At the time of the Budget, the Treasury estimated that £125 million would be invested in the private rented sector under the new BES relief in the current financial year.

Mr Lamont, in a speech at a conference organized by the Housing Centre Trust and National Federation of Housing Associations, said that this figure would now be comfortably exceeded.

Already, offers had been launched seeking to raise over £200 million, he said. Private estimates have suggested that the flow of money into private rented housing could reach £500 million this year, four times the Treasury's estimate.

"What is already clear is that there is going to be healthy competition for the investor's money," he said.

"The last few weeks have seen a flood of offers to the public from a variety of promoters, some of them household names."

Apart from the usual BES promoters, building societies and other institutions are seeking investments from the public under the scheme.

Under the provisions of the Budget, investment in private rented housing will be entitled to the usual BES tax reliefs.

This is as long as the property purchased does not exceed £125,000 in London and £85,000 in the rest of the country. At the end of a five-year period, the property can be sold, without incurring capital gains tax.

Each individual is allowed to invest up to £40,000 a year under the BES provisions.

Mr Lamont said there was no evidence of a Southern bias in the scheme's operation.

"It is already clear that it is not going to be confined to London and the South-east," he said.

"Indeed, the first investment to be offered to the public was in Glasgow, and I understand that it was rapidly over-subscribed.

"The investments currently on offer are spread widely over the country."

Mr Lamont said that the revival of the private rented sector was an integral part of the Government's housing policy, which would allow people to move between different parts of the country.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

CALA builds a 56% rise in profits

CALA, the Scottish housebuilder and property developer, lifted pre-tax profits by 56 per cent to £6.85 million in the year to June 30. Turnover was £58.15 million (£42.39 million). The company has taken a significant step into the English market by purchasing Stanley Stone, a Somerset housebuilder, for £6.14 million. The vendor, British & Commonwealth Holdings, increased its CALA stake to 16 per cent.

Housing profits increased from £4.1 million to £6.3 million. Earnings per share, up 40 per cent to 14.45p, have grown uninterrupted for 14 years. The final dividend is 1.90p per share, making a total for the year of 2.75p per share.

£600,000 buy for Verson

Verson International Group, the former Bronx Engineering, has acquired the assets and trade of Daniel Smith of Wolverhampton, a maker of cold roll forming machinery, for a maximum of £600,000. Part of of the consideration – £150,000 – is deferred and conditional on the successful conversion of potential contracts. Verson said Daniel Smith's product range was complementary to its own.

MY Holdings ahead 40%

MY Holdings, the packaging and consumer products group, reported a 40 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £1.86 million for the six months to July 2. Turnover went up 42 per cent to £23.78 million. Most of the increase in profits came from the packaging division. Earnings per share went up 30 per cent to 3.22p. The interim dividend was raised from 0.45p to 0.55p.

Magnetic group falls

Magnetic Materials Group, the USM-quoted maker of magnetic and plastic components, reported a collapse in pre-tax profits to £555,000 from a previous £1.76 million in the year to June 30. Turnover grew marginally to £15.08 million.

The fall comes after large reorganization costs. The order books were encouraging and market conditions remained strong for most of its products, the company said. Earnings per share fell from 7.5p to 2.0p. A final dividend of 2p per share was declared, making a total of 2.9p, unchanged from last year.

Gibbs Mew sells offshoot

Gibbs Mew, the Salisbury, Wiltshire, brewer, has agreed to sell its loss-making soft drinks business, William Seymour & Co (Sherborne), to Herbert Dawe, a private Devon group, for about £800,000. It lost £11,000 in the year to end-March. Gibbs Mew has agreed that Seymour will continue to distribute its beers while the brewer will sell Seymour's soft drinks.

P&O to seek new listings

Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company has said it will apply to have shares listed on the Paris, Amsterdam and Frankfurt stock markets next month. P&O's shares are already listed in Australia and Japan, and an ADR facility was established in New York this year. It had no details of how much new stock would be issued. Advisers and sponsors have been appointed.

Williams disposals

Williams Holdings, the industrial conglomerate run by Mr Nigel Rudd and Mr Brian McGowan, has sold off its North American plastics businesses to a Canadian company, Polar Plastics Group, for Can$10.44 million (£4.96 million).

The larger of the two companies being sold, Gallos Plastics, was acquired in 1985 with Williams' takeover of J&HB Jackson. Diamond Plastics was added in 1986. The two make disposable cups for airlines and hospitals. Williams said recent changes in plastics technology meant the companies would do better as part of a larger group.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	2,025	CU	1,133	Laporte	16	Saatchi	123
Abbey	867	Cons Gold	931	L&G	972	Sainsbury	960
Allid-Lyons	227	Cookson	521	Lloyds	301	Scot & N	434
Amstrad	784	Courtaulds	114	Lonrho	5,357	Sears	1,631
ASDA	2,610	Dalgety	225	Lucas	971	Sedgwick	24
AB Foods	11	Dee	513	Magnet	85	Shell	436
Argyll	1,240	Dixons	1,335	M&S	522	Siebe	132
BAA	352	ECC	288	Maxwell Cm	412	Slough	97
BET	295	Enterprise	294	MEPC	207	Smith & N	585
BTR	843	Ferranti	2,625	Metal Box	365	Smith WH	3
BAT	547	Fisons	2,289	Midland	550	Smiths Ind	134
Barclays	846	FKI Babck	1,502	NatWest	297	STC	679
Bass	131	Gen Acc	59	Next	130	Stan Chart	394
Beecham	4,732	GEC	647	Nth Food	117	Storehse	926
Beazer	405	Glaxo	1,500	P&O	204	Sun Allnce	219
Berisfd SW	72	Globe Inv	191	Pearl	153	T & N	46
BICC	661	Glynwed	122	Pearson	128	Tarmac	373
Blue Arrow	567	Granada	663	Pilkington	357	Tate & Lyle	117
Blue Circle	317	Grand Met	1,589	Pitmsey	284	Taylor Wood	n/a
BOC	150	GUS 'A'	49	Poly Peck	630	TSB	417
Boots	556	GRE	292	Prudential	1,951	Tesco	1,219
BPB	714	GKN	451	Racal	694	Thorn EMI	649
Br Aero	1,353	Guinness	127	Rk Hovis	263	Trafalgar	189
Br Airways	852	Hamm 'A	28	Rank	237	THF	1,228
Br Comm	362	Hanson	7,401	R&C	146	Ultramar	2,375
Br Gas	1,527	H & C	174	Redland	47	Ungate	198
Br Land	451	Hawker	55	Reed	104	Unilever	97
Br Petrol	945	Hillsdown	420	Reuters	173	Unitec Bis	642
Br Telecm	718	IMI	588	RMC Gp	791	Utd News	51
Bunzl	461	ICI	251	RTZ	552	Wellcome	189
Burmah	42	Inchcape	1,113	R-Royce	721	Whitbrd	201
Burton	1,668	Jaguar	195	Rothmn 'B	55	Williams	358
C&W	1,497	Lasmo	179	Rowntree	1	Willis Fab	64
Cadbury	1,312	Ladbroke	490	Royal Bank	116	Wimpey G	330
Coats	785	Land Sec	429	Royal Ins	394	Woolworth	44

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Fruitful union at Travis and Perkins

Not all marriages are made in heaven, but shareholders in both Travis & Arnold and Sandell Perkins may believe the match between their two companies sprang from divine inspiration.

There is little evident overlap between the two, and good synergy should flow from the merger which is being made on the basis of eight Perkins shares for every five in Travis.

The pace of earnings progression should quicken, and, in turn, both companies should be able to adopt a more generous dividend policy. The last payment at Travis, which is headed by Mr Tony Travis, was covered nearly 5 times and at Perkins, whose chairman is Mr Tim Perkins, covered 3.9 times.

To the credit of both, they each admitted yesterday that in the past they had, perhaps, been somewhat mean on the dividend front.

Specific earnings targets have not been spelled out, but the positive net cash position of the combined group at between £15 million and £20 million will give the enlarged entity a sufficiently strong financial muscle to weather the tougher times ahead as interest rates stay high.

Margins at both groups are respectable – trading margins at Travis in the six months ended June rose from 6.79 per cent to 8.32 per cent and in the year ended March those at Perkins from 8.7 per cent to 9.4 per cent. The merged company should see margins rise at a faster pace.

The structure and mechanics of the deal mean that Travis contributes 59 per cent of the assets to gain a 56.5 per cent slice of the enlarged company, with Perkins contributing 41 per cent of the assets to hold the 43.5 per cent balance.

But there has to be give and take in all marriages, and as Travis brings plumbing expertise to the union while Perkins brings in experience in the tool and plant hire field, the small assets sacrifice by Travis should be worth it. There is a special 16p Travis dividend to help smooth out the equation along with a special 1p Perkins dividend.

Combined pre-tax profits at the £40 million level, translating into net earnings of about 25p a share, put Perkins at 218p on an undemanding rating of 8.7.

Some weakening in the building market is expected but the new vehicle remains one to follow, especially as the merger is so logical and neat.

Dalgety

Somehow, the market cannot become excited about Dalgety. To be fair, any stock that is not an obvious takeover target is suffering from near-terminal neglect. So presumably any thoughts that Hillsdown's 1.8 per cent stake might be a prelude to something greater have evaporated.



Mean in the past: Tim Perkins and Tony Travis, right

As far as the group's fundamental business is concerned, it has probably never been in better shape. It has divested non-core businesses which generated £25 million of profits, and replaced these profits with acquisitions in business segments where it sees a long-term future.

To be sure, its earnings across the spectrum of all its activities are still not of equal quality. But the group is focusing its efforts at the value-added end – on its brands and where it is a market leader.

Analysts applaud the increasing emphasis on the food business. As part of a deliberate policy to shed unprofitable business, Golden Wonder has lost some market share. Now, Dalgety is gearing up to exploit the brand more fully. Meanwhile, fresh produce in the US is performing strongly. Its Californian location is ideal for expansion on the Pacific Rim.

Analysts are less happy with Dalgety's continuing commitment to Gill & Duffus which, after disposals of non-core businesses, is now a pure commodity trader in cocoa, sugar and, to a lesser extent, coffee.

They can hardly quarrel with the profit performance. Full-year profits from commodities rose 18 per cent to £36.5 million, and comprise a quarter of the group's trading profit. Meanwhile, the disposals have reduced the acquisition cost to £63 million.

There is, perhaps, some unease about the potential for slumping profits when commodities fall sharply. Cocoa, which was 70 per cent of profits in 1986/7, fell to less than 50 per cent last year. Fortunately, rising sugar prices took up the slack, but this is not a business that will command the sort of earnings multiples that a branded business will.

Dalgety should make £110 million this year, implying a prospective multiple of around 9.3. The prospective 7.3 per cent yield looks attractive.

Rugby Group

Andrew Teare, the managing director of Rugby Group says he is always happy to "spread the gospel" about the four-year transformation of his company. For the moment, he can take a rest and let the figures speak for themselves. Pre-tax profits rose by 42 per cent in the first half and earnings per share by 46 per cent.

Sceptics would say that Rugby, as one of our big three cement makers, ought to be doing well. But the policy of strong pressure on costs, cash acquisitions, followed by rationalization, has been pushing the bottom line forward for some time now.

At this time last year, the group had net debt of £50 million and paid interest charges of £1.2 million in the first half of 1987. Now it has net cash and earned £477,000 from cash and investments in the comparable six months of 1988.

"We are more confident than ever about cement and joinery," says Mr Teare. He accepts that some slowdown is inevitable, and Rugby's business is more heavily exposed to the home counties than that of its rivals. But, like them, it has been importing product in order to meet demand.

Rom, the group's steel constructions business, bore a number of costs associated with winning Channel Tunnel contracts. The project is progressing more slowly than it might, so that the benefits to Rugby will start next year rather than this.

Overseas, Australia is responding to cost-cutting. A period of more buoyant sales on the lower cost base pushed profits 53 per cent ahead in the half year. There is a more sombre story from the US where the housing industry has been slowing down. The French and Netherlands acquisitions made satisfactory initial contributions.

With a cement price rise in force from August and strong trading continuing in most parts of the group, Rugby is on course for profits of about £70 million this year against £58.8 million last time. This puts the shares, up ½p at 124p, on a prospective earnings multiple of just 8, which hardly gives the benefit of the doubt to Rugby's management team.

Myson up 15% at half time

By Martin Waller

Myson Group, the central heating equipment manufacturer built up by Mr Ray Wheeler and Mr John Salkeld, the former GEC executives, raised pre-tax profits by almost 15 per cent to £8.61 million in the half-year to end-June.

But the shares tumbled 9p to 162p on the stock market as Mr Wheeler, the chairman and chief executive, gave a warning that the 5 to 6 per cent growth rate the group had seen over the past two or three years could not be expected to continue.

A squeeze on mortgages or other forms of credit, a general lack of confidence and increasing signs of a manpower shortage in the South-east could all take their toll on growth, he added.

The company's industrial operations made a small profit in the first half, against losses last time, and the Supaline radiator plant in Hull was now producing.

The interim dividend has been increased from 2p to 2.3p.

Mr Michael Blogg, an analyst at James Capel, the broker, said he had trimmed his estimate of pre-tax profits for the current year by £1.5 million to £23 million after the half-way figures came in short by an equivalent amount.

However, he was encouraged by price increases forced through by Myson in June.

Companies plan to join wholesale gas market

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Changes in the way that British Gas negotiates supply contracts from the oil companies operating in the North Sea, which the Government is expected to approve later this year, have led to several companies preparing plans to move into the wholesale gas market.

At present British Gas insists on taking 100 per cent of the output of any fields offered to it in the North Sea, and can therefore apply considerable pressure during price negotiations.

The Government is expected to order that future fields should be developed with a proportion – about 10 to 15 per cent – reserved for supply to other users.

However, at present there is little likelihood of such deals being offered until the mid-1990s because all projected developments have already been contracted to British Gas.

In any case, any gas involved would have to be passed through the pipeline system owned by British Gas, which would charge a tariff that could make such deals uneconomic.

At least two oil companies are considering developing small southern basin gas fields to provide power for turbine electricity stations co-owned with two of the about-to-be-privatized electricity boards.

Associated Gas, chaired by Lord Ezra, the former chairman of the National Coal Board, is also negotiating to buy gas directly from oil companies to feed into combined power and heat plants operated by its associate company, Associated Heat, which plans to provide heat and power for industrial users. However, it will have to use the British Gas pipeline system.

The most likely company to break the British Gas hold on gas supplies is BP, which plans to develop the Miller field in the North Sea and sell all the gas to the North of Scotland Hydro Electricity Board for conversion into power at its Peterhead power station.

Ironically, it seems that the first time North Sea gas is sold to consumers, apart from through the British Gas network, will be in the form of electricity exported across the border from Peterhead into the privatized electricity grid.

Norfolk ready to buy hotels

By Cliff Feltham

Norfolk Capital, the fast-growing hotel group, believes that whoever pays £1 billion or more to Grand Metropolitan for its Inter-Continental Hotel chain may decide to break up the portfolio.

If that happens, Norfolk could embark on another spending spree and buy some of the hotels, Mr Tony Richmond-Watson, the Norfolk chairman, said.

"It depends on what becomes available."

He was reporting a 27 per cent jump to £1.8 million in profits before tax for the opening half of the year. Turnover went up 49 per cent to just above £19 million.

Norfolk felt the pinch from fierce price cutting as London hoteliers cut room rates by about 9 per cent to fill rooms left empty by absent American tourists.

But Norfolk refused to join the price-cutting war.

"While discounts may have a short-term beneficial effect on volume, we believe that they damage efforts to develop a long-term pricing structure. "Consistent with our policy in the past we have maintained our rates even at the expense of slightly lower occupancy levels. This policy enables us to take immediate full advantage of any upswing in demand when it occurs," Mr Richmond-Watson said.

Norfolk lost about £750,000 in the first half on its St James's Club in Paris – acquired with the successful London club from Mr Peter de Savary in a £22 million deal last year – because of poor room sales. But it hopes to cut the loss sharply during the rest of the year.

An interim dividend of 0.18p a share, up 20 per cent, is being paid.

Merivale jumps 52% to £9.6m

By Our City Staff

Shares in Merivale Moore, the property investment and development company, jumped 35p to 430p following the announcement of a 52 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £9.66 million in the year to June 30. Turnover was up 55 per cent to £30.5 million.

Mr Grenville Dean, the chairman, said yesterday that the central London market had been subdued during the past year and he believes this trend will continue. However, Easthome, the company's Norwich-based subsidiary, is planning a significant expansion of its residential development programme in East Anglia over the next few years.

Mr Dean added that commercial property activities now account for 60 per cent of the company's assets. Earnings per share rose from 32.1p to 46.2p. The final dividend was 4.75p per share making a total of 7p per share (4.5p).

COMPANY BRIEFS

HYMAN (Int) *Pre-tax:* £1.05 (£0.95)m *EPS:* 1.65 (2.08)p *Div:* 0.9 (0.75)p
Turnover £21.53 (£15.31)m. High demand for products and recent purchase of Francel SA will ensure substantial progress.

LILLESHALL PLC (Int) *Pre-tax:* £0.65 (£0.28)m *EPS:* 5.9 (3.0)p *Div:* 1p (0.375p adj)
Turnover £10.06 (£7.16)m. Company confident of increased profits for year. Further acquisitions being pursued.

SUTHERLAND HLDGS (Int) *Pre-tax:* £1.15 (£0.17)m *EPS:* 2.72 (0.52)p *Div:* 0.85 (0.33)p
Turnover £41.80 (£18.88)m. Capital investment at both factories will provide benefits in capacity and productivity.

KERRY GROUP (Int) *Pre-tax:* £4.41 (£1.44)m *EPS:* 3.60 (1.21)p *Div:* 0.61 (0.52)p
Turnover £167.82 (£145.82)m. Company confident that year results will be a significant improvement on those of 1987.

McKAY SECURITIES PLC
Notice of Meeting

Due to the postal disruption, Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of McKay Securities PLC will be held at 20 Parkside, 28/56 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7JR on Thursday 6th October 1988 at 12 noon.

Copies of the Report and Financial Statements have been posted to Shareholders but additional copies are available for collection as from 13th September 1988 at the Company's offices at 20 Parkside, as above, and from Warburg Securities, 1 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA.

ROVER GROUP

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ROVER GROUP SHAREHOLDERS

Recommended proposals for the acquisition by British Aerospace of the ordinary shares it does not already own in Rover Group were sent to Rover Group shareholders on 30th August, 1988.

Due to the risk of continuing postal delays, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR SHAREHOLDERS TO RETURN THEIR FORMS OF PROXY AND, IF THEY WISH, FORMS OF ELECTION BY LODGING THEM WITH ANY AUSTIN ROVER DEALER IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BY 5.00 P.M. ON MONDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER, 1988. The address of your local Austin Rover dealer can be found in the "Yellow Pages" under "Car dealers & distributors." Forms of proxy and forms of election will be lodged at shareholders' own risk.

The proposals will be voted on at a Meeting of Rover Group shareholders at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London SW1 at 11.00a.m. on Thursday, 22nd September, 1988. If shareholders wish to vote on the proposals, it is important that they complete and arrange for the return of their forms of proxy (yellow card). They may also attend the meeting. Shareholders wishing to elect for new British Aerospace shares should also complete and lodge their forms of election (blue form).

Completed forms of proxy and forms of election may also be delivered by hand up to 5.00 p.m. on 20th September to:

The Rover Group plc, 7-10 Hobart Place, London SW1 or Connaught St. Michaels Limited, CSM House, Victoria Street, Luton, Bedfordshire

Alternatively, forms of proxy can be handed to the Chairman at the Meeting on 22nd September.

If you do not have your form of proxy, form of election or the accompanying document, further copies can be obtained through Austin Rover dealers. If you have posted your form of proxy and/or form of election and are concerned that they may not be delivered in time, you may complete new forms and lodge them with an Austin Rover dealer or deliver them by hand as described above.

If you have any questions, please do not address them to Austin Rover dealers but call the Rover Helpline by dialling 100 and asking the Operator for Freefone Rover Group.

British Aerospace will be advertising its interim results for the half-year to 30th June, 1988 in the national press on 14th September 1988.

This notice is issued by The Rover Group plc. J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited, a member of The Securities Association, has approved its contents for the purposes of Section 57 of the Financial Services Act 1986.
The Directors of Rover Group, other than Mr. B.E. Friend, are the persons responsible for the information contained in this notice. These Directors of Rover Group confirm that, to the best of their knowledge and belief (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this notice is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. Each of such Directors of Rover Group accepts responsibility accordingly. Mr. Friend, a Director of British Aerospace, was appointed to the Rover Group Board following British Aerospace's acquisition of HM Government's shareholding in Rover Group and has therefore not participated in the issue of this notice on behalf of Rover Group. 13th September, 1988

FALCON RESOURCES PLC

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above-named Company will be held at the Lecture Hall, Westminster Central Hall, Storeys Gate, London SW1 (opposite Westminster Abbey) at 3 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 6th October, 1988 for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions which will be proposed as Ordinary Resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS

1. That Mr. E.B. Bugh, Jnr be removed as a Director of the Company
2. That Mr. O.R. Jessel (if his prior appointment is valid) be removed as a Director of the Company
3. That Mr. J.M. Rosen (if his prior appointment is valid) be removed as a Director of the Company
4. That Dr. J.M. Dorreen has ceased to be a Director of the Company by reason of his having attained the age of 70, alternatively that he be removed as a Director of the Company
5. That Mr. R.F. Monk be elected and/or re-elected a Director of the Company
6. That Mr. A.J. Aman be elected and/or re-elected a Director of the Company
7. That Mr. A.P. Alderton be elected a Director of the Company
8. That Mr. M. Sheboy be elected a Director of the Company

This Meeting is convened pursuant to Section 368 (4) of the Companies Act 1985 by the following requisitionists:

ANTHONY JOHN AMAN
Director

GULF INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
By its lawful attorney, Mrs. G.M. Steer

Registered Office:
50, Stratton Street,
London W1X 5FL
13th September, 1988

Any Member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint one or more other persons (whether (a) Member(s) or not) as (a) proxy/ies to attend and vote instead of him.

This Meeting is convened by Mr. A.J. Aman, a director of Falcon Resources PLC ("Falcon") and by Gulf International Limited ("Gulf"), which owns just over 9 per cent. of Falcon's issued share capital, the Board of Falcon having failed to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting which was duly requisitioned by Mr. Aman, Gulf and others on 6th July, 1988. Mr. R.F. Monk whose family trust owns Gulf will be writing to shareholders in Falcon as soon as the postal strike ends, enclosing a Form of Proxy for use at the Meeting. Alternatively, copies of this proposed letter and Forms of Proxy for use at the Meeting will be available for collection by shareholders at regional centres to be arranged by Wednesday 21st September, 1988 if the postal strike continues beyond that date. Shareholders will be advised further of these aspects shortly.

THE RUGBY GROUP PLC

1988 Interim Results

Unaudited six months to 30th June	1988	1987	
TURNOVER	£238.3m	£197.4m	+21%
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	£31.5m	£22.1m	+42%
EARNINGS PER SHARE*	6.96p	4.76p	+46%
DIVIDENDS PER SHARE	2.3p	1.875p	+23%

*Before extraordinary profits of £Nil (1987: £7,445,000)

The Group acquired on 29th July 1988 Associated Building Centers Inc. of Missouri, U.S.A., for some US$5.9m and on 2nd September 1988 acquired the door manufacturing business of Baltic Industries Pty. Ltd., Melbourne, Australia, for some A$3.6m.

Prospects for the remainder of the year look good.

For a copy of the 1988 Interim Report, please contact:
The Secretary, The Rugby Group PLC, Crown House, Rugby CV21 2DT. Tel: 0788 542111

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Property sales help push Suter to halfway £19.9m

By Martin Waller

Mr David Abell, the chairman of Suter, the industrial conglomerate, has presented better-than-expected figures for the half-year to July 2.

Property disposals pushed pre-tax profits to £3 million ahead of analysts' expectations.

The shares rose 6p to 180p on news of pre-tax profits of £19.9 million, up from £12 million. Some £4 million of the increase came from the remaining parts of Mitchell Cotts, bought for £79 million in July, said Mr Abell, and a third of the increase was organic.

The halfway dividend is increased by 0.5p to 2p, and the company is forecasting a final payment of at least 4p.

Mr Geoff Allum, analyst at County NatWest, the broker, who had been looking for £17 million from Suter, said most of the extra profits had come from property disposals, which were set to continue. He had upgraded his profits forecast for the full year by £2 million to £39 million.

This would give earnings per share of 22.4p. At halfway they rose from 8.4p to 11.1p.

But Mr Allum concedes that the shares will remain under a cloud, with the market awaiting the outcome of the Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into alleged concert-party dealings in shares of companies linked to Suter.

Mr Abell, who has always claimed the inquiry would eventually exonerate him, yesterday refused to comment further on the progress of the investigation, except to say that he had "co-operated enthusiastically" with it and had no idea when it would end.

But he did refer to his belief that the Suter share price was *as a result far too low, saying* he would seek shareholders' permission to buy in up to 10 per cent of the shares. In addition any further acquisitions, of which there were four or five at the discussion stage, would mostly be for cash, he added.

The company reckons to have about £3.5 million in the bank, although this could rise by £24.5 million if the US-based Banner Industries exercises its option to acquire Suter's 27.56 per cent stake. It bought the option from Suter a fortnight ago.

Mr Abell's group has increased his holding in Metal Closures, the packaging group, by 1 per cent to 27 per cent. He said he had lost some interest in acquiring the company when Suter's tin plate packaging business was sold to Metal Box, but would *still prefer to* work from a base of a 29.9 per cent stake.

● The Mersey Docks and Harbour Company, where Mr Abell is deputy chairman, is bringing P&O Property Holdings, part of Sir Jeffrey Sterling's shipping-to-construction empire, into its £310 *million joint venture with* Nottingham-based Errill Holdings to develop part of Liverpool's docklands.

A planning application was submitted by Mersey Docks and Errill in July 1987. The Stock Exchange is believed to have investigated share dealings by Mr Abell in the company ahead of news of the scheme.

Dalgety beats forecasts at £99m

By Carol Ferguson

Dalgety, the international food and commodity trading group, has beaten analysts' expectations and revealed record results for the year to June. Pre-tax profits rose by 8 per cent to £99.6 million, despite the negative effect of currency exchange rates which cost £4.7 million.

Mr Terry Pryce, Dalgety's chief executive, said that he was pleased with the results, especially as it had been a period of transition for the group during which a number of non-core businesses had been divested.

"It has been our strategy to get out of everything except food and agribusiness so that we can increase earnings in the years to come," he said. "We are now in an acquisitive frame of mind, and we are in good shape to make acquisitions."

In food, where trading profits advanced 30 per cent to £67.3 million, he said there had been a widening of margins across the board in Britain and the US except in Homepride. There had been strong growth in the petfood market which he attributed to the greater use of convenience foods by humans which meant fewer leftovers for pets.

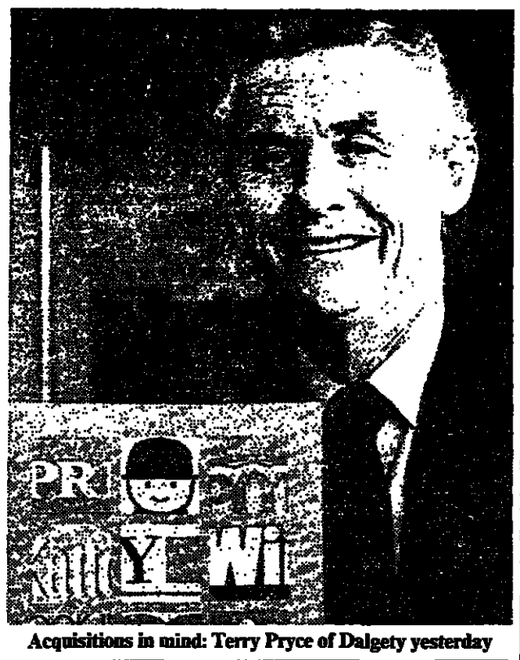
The British agribusiness group more than matched last year's performance despite poor harvest conditions and made solid gains in market share. Strong international demand for wool helped the Australian agribusiness to achieve record profits.

The final dividend was increased by 1p to 9p to give a dividend for the year of 15p net. Earnings per share were up 8 per cent to 29.9p.

Dalgety made several acquisitions during the year *including a snacks business in* Holland and a number of fresh produce businesses in the US and Britain.

Mr Pryce said: "Prospects for further growth are encouraging, being underpinned by the strength of our positions within the world food system."

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Acquisitions in mind: Terry Pryce of Dalgety yesterday

Delta in advance to £34m

Delta, the electrical equipment, engineering and industrial services group, raised pre-tax profits from £30.27 million to £34.11 million in the first half of 1988, after a 22 per cent increase in turnover to £167.5 million.

Mr Geoffrey Wilson, the group chairman, said the advance reflected a real increase in volume, both at home and in export markets. Earnings per share improved from 12.6p to 15.1p and the interim dividend is raised from 2.9p a share to 3.4p.

Engineering profits advanced 60 per cent, to £9.97 million, thanks partly to the acquisition programme, and electrical operations produced what Mr Wilson described as another strong result, at £16.22 million against £16.15 million.

Continental Europe contributed significantly to the total for the first time, with £2.53 million against £730,000 previously.

British Vita rises to £16.8m

By Cliff Feltham

British Vita of Manchester is making windfall profits out of new regulations on the use of fire resistant foam fillings in furniture and bedding sold in Britain.

The company, which has pioneered fire resistant materials, says its technological breakthrough has been partly responsible for a sharp rise in profits so far this year.

British Vita yesterday reported pre-tax profits up from £13 million to £16.8 million for the first six months of the year. Turnover rose from £134.3 million to £223.7 million, of which £75 million came from new acquisitions.

Mr Bob McGee, the chairman, said: "The technical leadership of the group in combustion modified fillings has allowed rapid and successful adaptation of production to meet the new regulations concerning flammability in furnishings."

From next February, only foams meeting new fire resistant regulations can be used in furniture and bedding sold in Britain. The large amount of furniture imported into the country has sparked off a sharp demand for British Vita fillings from foreign furniture manufacturers.

Mr McGee says that British Vita now has more than 30 per cent of the market for fire retardant foam and believes it has a reputation for reliability and quality. British Vita is paying shareholders an interim dividend of 2.80p, a 43 per cent increase on last year.

Oil prices slump hits Goal

By Carol Ferguson

Goal Petroleum, the independent oil company, made an operating loss at the interim stage due to the slump in oil prices. However, interest receivable on cash balances of £1.8 million allowed the group to report a profit of £92,000 at the pre-tax level, compared with £2.9 million in the first half of the previous year.

Mr Christian O'Brien, the chairman of Goal, said there were short-term worries about the price of crude oil and exchange rate movements. "But the fundamental strength of the group is illustrated by the small proportion of our reserves that is produced annually," he said.

Most of the group's production will occur through the 1990s and into the next century, as a result of Gaol's share of production from the Wytch Farm *oilfield in Dorset.*

Goal has participated in drilling five wells and expects to participate in 20 by the end of 1989. "In the remainder of 1988, we expect that the drilling programme will be concentrated in the Wytch Farm area and the Netherlands," Mr O'Brien said.

Investment managers account rules move

The Association of Independent Investment Managers, whose members include Tyndall Investment Management and John Carrington, is to stop insisting that members keep clients' cash and securities in individual accounts in bank or building societies.

The change, which will be voted on at the association's annual meeting tomorrow, will mean the association will cease its regulatory function after 10 years.

The introduction of the Financial Services Act, and the self-regulatory bodies, have brought about the change.

"We recommended that unless an investment management company was big enough to be a licensed deposit taker they should not hold clients' cash or securities for other purposes — but the SIB and IMRO (the regulatory authority for investment managers) have rejected this", said Mr Anthony Wieler, the secretary of AIM, in a letter to the six remaining members.

Thorn sale

Thorn EMI has sold its *51* per cent stake in Thorn Ericsson Telecommunications to a British subsidiary of Ericsson for about £30 million. The price was settled in cash, though £4 million is payable over the next two years.

Harland talks

Harland Simon, the engineering group, has reached an advanced stage in negotiations to acquire the trading assets of Electro-flyte, a New York State supplier of drives and associated equipment for use in the paper industry.

Export service

TSB Scotland has joined with the Export Credits Guarantee Department to improve the bank's service to exporters on goods sold on short-term credit. Its "Trade-Assured" export finance guarantees will provide immediate cash on up to 100 per cent of order value.

Iraqi orders

Houdret, a private company based at Henley-on-Thames, has won orders worth nearly £6 million from Iraq in competition with Japanese suppliers. The orders are for medical equipment, foodstuffs and household goods.

Cardiff office

NM Rothschild & Co plans to be the first merchant bank to open an office in Cardiff. It will be its first British office outside London for 25 years.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Blurred pictures on the ITV screens

It is all smiles among the leisure analysts as they contemplate the moment when the dull dogs of their sector, the television contractors, can join the ranks of investment respectability. For them, 1992 is not a barrier-free Europe but a barrier-free opportunity for the contracting companies to bid among themselves, or be bid for by outsiders.

The current life of the television franchises expires in 1992, and all sides of the Great Debate about what should happen then are agreed that whatever *does* happen, the present system will not be maintained. The companies are lobbying hard to make their existence more durable. The latest public blast came yesterday morning when the south of England contractor, TVS, took a full-page advertisement in *The Times* to point out that, under the present franchise system, in no other industry does a newborn company have such an uncertain life expectancy. "No sooner has a company hit its stride than it must divert its attention to retaining its franchise," moaned TVS, which knows the facts of TV life better than most since it obtained its own franchise when the holder lost it.

TV shares brightened up on the reliable leak that the Government's White Paper on the future of broadcasting will include the not-unexpected proposal that ITV companies will become as vulnerable as any other to takeover through activity in their shares. This is currently not possible without the sanction of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, which has recently imposed a veto on two takeovers, that of Granada Group by Rank Organisation and of Thames by Carlton Communications, even though Granada was a party to the proposed deal and Thames' major shareholders wanted out.

But before the ITV companies become odds-on takeover targets, the situation and duration of the franchises needs to be cleared up. The popular idea is that the franchises should be put up for competitive tender, the franchise going to the highest suitable bidder. TVS declared, without enthusiasm, that if competitive tendering is to be, then it would be willing and able to compete. There are, however, strong reasons for avoiding the straightforward competitive tender, not least because of the destabilizing effect it would have on existing companies. At least, under the present system, they can be reasonably sure of keeping their franchise if they have not broken too many rules.

It would be a good idea to take a fresh glance at the proposals put forward by LWT earlier this year: that existing franchise holders be allowed to convert their franchises into long-term rights, lasting perhaps 99 years, which would be terminated only when rules are broken. The companies would pay a collective half billion pounds for their franchises, and then anyone wanting to come into the business would need to buy the company owning the franchise.

Sun Life at High Noon

Sun Life's deal with the much larger French group UAP may well make sense in terms of long-term strategy — though the plan to set up separate national companies in each of the business territories takes a soberly realistic view of the future common market in financial services. In terms of short-term tactics, it is plainly a gamble by banker chairman Peter Grant.

He has set up the necessary shareholders' meeting on September 29 as a final showdown from which he can emerge victorious through a simple majority vote, *neutralizing Donald* Gordon's Transatlantic and any potential bidder. But the City is not Hollywood, so there are a number of possible endings for this *High Noon* remake.

Mr Grant tried to involve its biggest shareholder in a rather grander three-way version of the French deal, giving Transatlantic two seats on the Sun Life board, UAP one, but also tying three partners together through a cross-holding in Transatlantic.

The supposed *rapprochement* has, instead, led to an even more bitter rift.

Mr Grant insisted that Transatlantic would have to vote its shares in line with majority decisions of the 16-strong board, as UAP has apparently agreed to do. Mr Gordon, who wanted freedom and the deputy chairmanship, smelled a rat when, he claims, he discovered that UAP and Sun Life had been preparing their own bilateral trading plans — leaving little room for the Gordon talents.

If, as seems certain, Mr Gordon opposes the move with his 26 per cent, he may well join forces with Groupe *AG, which must view the UAP link as* the worst possible outcome. That would put 32 per cent of the votes against immediately Mr Grant's weak point is that the deal and UAP's strategic stake might strike some institutions as almost as undesirable as Transatlantic gaining management control without making a bid.

From a managerial viewpoint, joint deals with the French backed by supportive cross-holdings are a different proposition from doing business with Mr Gordon while his tanks are parked on the lawn.

Eye-wipe by the light blues

Cambridge University challenged Oxford at the weekend — but it was not another boat race. Instead, a gaggle of Oxford graduates, with one or two professionals, calling themselves the Oxcentrics, were hired to play at a joint party to celebrate the 40th birthdays of Nigel Whittaker, a director of Woolworth Holdings — and chairman of B&Q — and his old college chum Malcolm Sharrock, a computer whizzkid. While the Oxcentrics, run by ex-Balliol man Oliver Weindling, aged 32, a currency options specialist with Credit Suisse First Boston, did an admirable job, the real stars of the evening were a Cambridge band consisting of Whittaker on drums, Sharrock on lead guitar, WCRS finance director Charles Stern doing rythm and vocals and the lead singing role shared by West End medical practitioner Dr Larry Gerlis and software specialist Ben Karpe. The reunion marked both their 21st anniversary and their first performance for more than 10 years. "We all used to live along the same corridor at Clare College," said Whittaker who allowed the thrash to be held in a marquee on the lawns of his Hertfordshire mansion. First on to the floor was City PR man Roddy Dewe, of Dewe Rogerson, with his wife, and also on the floor was Woolies chief executive Geoff Mulcahy, dancing tongue in cheek ahead of tomorrow's interim results.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Man who would be . . .

Working under Lord King's forceful chairmanship has clearly left its indelible mark on Sir Colin Marshall, British Airways' chief executive, if his speech to yesterday's joint conference on marketing held at the CBI headquarters was anything to go by. Sir Colin appeared unable to stop himself referring to things connected with the word *king*. He kicked off with a reference to *King of the Mountain*, or *King of the Castle*, the familiar childhood game that could give some valuable insight into life in the business world. Then there was the thesis that business understanding and flexibility were the key to retaining the *king's crown*. He concluded his advice on how to stay motivated with a polite apology for overdoing the puns, with the remark that climbing mountains can be fun, "even if *kingmanship* . . . is not always possible for all of us."

Perfect timing

It is indeed an ill wind which blows no good and the postal strike has brought about a sudden injection of business for one fledgling firm. Strike Risks Management, launched by John Allan, aged 58, in May this year, offers what is thought to be the first insurance policy — fully underwritten at Lloyd's — to protect *companies from losses caused* by strikes by employees other than their own. It means, for example, that if a company covered by the policy before the postal strike began had now been forced to borrow money and thus incur interest charges due to a delay in *receiving payments by post*, that cost could be reclaimed. Such schemes have, until now, been available exclusively to the shipping industry and Allan has 30 years experience in that field as a director of Else Allan Neil. "The inquiries have been coming in from far and wide — including Canada, New Zealand and Japan," says Allan. "It's not just the British disease anymore, it's worldwide, but it takes something like a postal strike to remind people what effect these things have."



Motoring North

Thomas and Gordon Black, the joint chairmen of Peter Black Holdings, are planning to take about 30 of their 200 *vintage* and classic cars and display them at the Hornsea Pottery factory on the Humberside coast. The brothers bought the factory last year and discovered it was already like a leisure park with a restaurant and bird and butterfly park, created by the demand for the seconds shop. "Most car collections are boring so I went to Epcot and looked around it eight times," says Thomas. "When I got back to the hotel I wrote down everything I remembered and realised that they were all exhibits where something was going on — ours will be like that." The two, who were left 100 of the cars by their late father, regularly take part in the London to Brighton race. But the collection does not stand idle the rest of the time. The vehicles are hired out for movies like *Genevieve* and *Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines* and television serials including *A Woman of Substance*. But shareholders should not get too excited about potential earnings from this — profits here belong strictly to the family.

● **Redundancy for ex-Hoare Govett director Walter Walker, has turned into Far Eastern delight. For he has just become MD of the European end of ChinTung, a Hong Kong broking arm of Standard Chartered Bank. Walker will be based in London.**

Carol Leonard

DIAMOND SERVICE

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All you have to do is write the recipient's name, destination airport and your Diamond Club membership number on the envelope. Then show your valid personal Diamond Club card with your name and number on it.

This service is offered between any of the UK airports where BM operates – Heathrow, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Belfast, Leeds/Bradford, Teesside, Birmingham, East Midlands. With flights every two hours on most routes and over 100 flights a day into and out of Heathrow, we hope you will find this to be helpful to your business.

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If you're a Diamond Club member, letters take off.

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BRITISH MIDLAND

STOCK MARKET

New job cuts feared as turnover falls

Fears among stockbrokers that another round of job losses within the Square Mile may be on the way grew yesterday as turnover fell to its lowest level since the October crash.

By the close of business last night a mere 213.2 million alpha and beta shares had been traded, according to Seaq, the Stock Exchange's computerized trading system.

Dealers sounded a warning that unless there is a pick-up in turnover soon, the big securities houses with their high overheads will be forced to initiate further cuts in staffing levels to save money.

Turnover has been bumping along the bottom for some time but yesterday's final figure was less than half the daily average for the year of 428.3 million shares.

Dealers were quick to point out that it coincided with the start of the Jewish new year which saw many traders and fund managers missing from their desks. But the steady downward trend which followed in the wake of the crash, and has been accelerated by the recent sharp rise in interest rates, is giving cause for concern.

One broker commented last night: "The low levels of turnover are the biggest enemy this market has to face. Even in the middle of a bear market you can make money. But there is little chance of that if no one wants to trade at all."

In the thin conditions, the FT-SE 100-share index traded in narrow limits, ending 6.2 points up at 1,744.6. The narrower FT 30-share index also rose, up 3.2 to 1,401.7.

Sentiment was helped by a strong performance from the US long bonds over the weekend and the latest inflation figures turned out to be much in line with expectations and pleased analysts.

As a result the market was able to take the news of several more rights issues in its stride. In the past three days alone companies have called on shareholders for an extra £600 million of additional funds which is likely to mean a drain on cash resources.

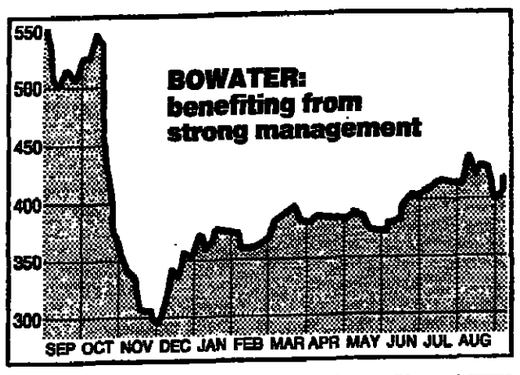
Gilts finished sporting gains of £⅛ at the longer end.

There was further heavy turnover in shares of Lonrho,

Amersham International may soon hit the acquisition trail. Morgan Grenfell, the broker, says it is time to take profits and has trimmed pre-tax profits estimates for the current year to £28 million after £25.30 million last time. It blames currency fluctuations and a sluggish German market.

the international trading group headed by Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, which ended the day 5p higher at 266.5p – for a two-day rise of 16p.

About 6 million shares changed hands with Smith New Court, the broker, reckoned to be a big buyer. There has been persistent talk that Dupont, the American industrial group, has built up a 4 per cent stake in Lonrho. Hopes are high that it may decide to launch a full bid.



For months there has been talk in the market that Mr Rowland, now in his seventies, was planning to step down and had already received offers for his sizeable holding in the company.

McCaughan Dyson Capel Cure, the broker, believes the shares are still undervalued despite the current outperformance.

It reckons that Lonrho's break-up value is in excess of 500p per share with the hotels interest alone justifying 80 per cent of the group's capitalization.

Shares of television companies advanced strongly following reports that the White Paper on the future of broadcasting will recommend the ending of curbs on franchise takeovers.

Thames Television led the way with a leap of 22p to 371p and Granada closed 8½p to the good at 297p, while Anglia put on 7p to 173p and HTV moved up 5p to 215p.

Bowater continued to benefit from an impressive set of interim figures showing pre-tax profits up 76 per cent at £30.5 million, adding another 3p to 405p. The group's strong management team has impressed analysts who are now convinced that it has mapped out a careful strategy for the group which should provide some handsome returns over the next few years.

Its recent US acquisition, Rexham Industries, added a healthy £7 million to operating profits, while in Britain the builders' merchants enjoyed a strong quarter, thanks to the mild winter. The window division also had a successful first half in this country but was flat in Europe.

County NatWest Wood-Mac, the broker, says a recent visit to the company and these latest figures should convince everybody that the company is on the right track. Mr Geoff Allum and Mr Andrew Page, analysts at County, say the shares now deserve a higher rating than 9.5.

Rival analysts at Prudential-Bache Capital Funding are also big fans of Bowater and rate the shares a "strong buy." They have raised their forecast of pre-tax profits for the full year from £72 million to £75 million compared with £54.5 million last time and are looking for some high quality earnings from the group over the next few years.

The expected flood of product liability claims that the tobacco companies were bracing themselves for in the US has failed to materialize. Back in June Mr Antonio Cipoloni was awarded $400,000 dam-

Mr Stephen Parker, analyst at Phillips and Drew, the broker, says STC shares, up 4p to 255p, are attractive. They offer 20 per cent prospective earnings growth, but stand at a discount. Major contracts are imminent and trading in the second half will be stronger than the first.

ages by a New Jersey court. It was the first setback suffered in the US courts by the tobacco companies. They feared it would give new hope to the anti-smoking lobby and produce a wave of new product liability claims.

But figures just published show that only one new case has been filed since the *Cipoloni* judgment and 11 have now been withdrawn without a settlement.

A total of 152 product liability cases were in the pipeline in March last year. That number has now fallen to 85. The anti-smoking lobbies in the US have not disagreed with the latest figures and even the most militant are willing to admit that their battle with the tobacco industry will take longer than they expected.

Beecham, the pharmaceutical group, came under selling pressure, falling 9p to 462p with nearly 5 million shares changing hands.

The selling was sparked by news that the company has suspended long-term trials on its heart-asthma drug, Chromakalin, due to side-effects it has on monkeys.

Mr Jonathan de Pas, analyst at Robert Fleming Securities, the broker, told *The Times*: "The drug is finished and this will now focus the market's attention on the pharmaceutical product gap of Beecham."

Glaxo, the rival pharmaceutical group and manufacturer of Zantac, the world's best-selling anti-ulcer drug, attracted buyers and closed 12½p higher at £10.

Fisons added 3p to 233p as dealers heard that the group's £162 million rights issue, called to help finance the group's acquisition of the pharmaceutical division of Pennwalt Corporation of the US, had been taken up by nearly 90 per cent of its shareholders.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

WORLD MARKETS: NEW YORK

Shares mixed in thin, early trade

(Reuter) – Wall Street shares were mixed in early trading yesterday.

Brokers said trading was thin because of the Jewish new year holiday and investor caution ahead of the economic reports this week.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up barely 0.18 to 2,068.99 at one stage when the transport indicator showed a gain of 0.14 to 873.95.

Declining issues were marginally ahead of advancing shares.

Monsanto dropped 6¼ to 79½. It fell after its subsidiary, GD Searle, was ordered by a US federal court to pay $8.75 million (£5.1 million) to a Minnesota woman who claimed the company's copper intrauterine device made her sterile.

● **Frankfurt** – West German shares closed higher across the board in active trading, with the Commerzbank index closing at 1,506.6, up 15.6 points.

● **Hong Kong** – The Hang Seng index dropped 27.62 points, or 1.1 per cent, to 2,468.94, with trading volume dwindling to a two-year low as buyers kept to the sidelines in the absence of incentives.

TOKYO

Nikkei up in dull trade

(Reuter) – Share prices managed to close near the day's highs yesterday, after barely budging throughout the session, brokers said.

"It's generally a pretty characterless market," said Mr Ross Rowbury, a broker at Sanyo Securities. "Basically it's a wait-and-see attitude."

The Nikkei index gained 109.64 points, or 0.40 per cent, to finish at 27,756.74. It lost 93.01 points on Friday.

Advancing shares led declining issues by about 15 to 10 in dull turnover of 700 million shares against 750 million.

● **Singapore** – Share prices closed narrowly mixed in thin trading with the *Straits Times* industrial index rising 1.92 points to end at 1,065.45 against Friday's close of 1,063.53.

● **Sydney** – The All-Ordinaries index dropped 29.8 points to close at 1,515.7 as resource issues tumbled in line with gold bullion price declines.

WALL STREET

	Sep 9	Sep 8		Sep 9	Sep 8		Sep 9	Sep 8
AMR Cp	46½	45¾	Feddera	9	8¾	Pennzoil	74¼	74
ASA	38	38	Fst Chicago	33	33¾	Pepsico	37½	37¾
Aetna Life	51	50½	Fst Int Bncp	52¾	52¾	Pfizer	53¾	52¾
Allied Signal	33⅜	33⅜	Fst Penn C	12½	12½	Phelps Dod	37¾	37¾
Allis Chim	½	½	FT Wachva	39¾	39¾	Philip Mor	94¾	96¼
Alcoa	50¾	50¾	Ford Motor	50¼	50¾	Philip Pet	16¼	16¾
Amax Inc	21¼	21	GAF Cp	49¼	49	Pillsbury	36¼	36¾
AMR Hess	26½	26½	GTE Cp	42½	42¼	Polaroid	41¾	39¾
Am Brands	47⅞	48¾	Gen Cp	21½	21½	Primerica	28¾	28¾
Am Cynmd	48¼	48¾	Gn Dynam	51½	51½	Procl Gble	78¼	78¾
Am Ele Pwr	27¼	28¼	Gen Electric	42	41½	Pub SE Gr	23	22¾
Amexs	29½	29¾	Gen Inst	31¼	30¾	R Nabisco	53¾	53¼
Am Family	12¾	12½	Gen Mills	50¾	50¾	Raytheon	67¾	66¾
Am Home	73¾	73¾	Gen Motors	73¾	73¾	Rynlds Metl	51¼	51
Am Int Grp	64¼	64¼	Gen Pub Ut	34½	34¼	Rockwell Int	20¾	21
Am Telph	25¾	25¾	Genesco	5½	5½	Royal Dutch	107¼	107½
Amoco Cp	72¼	72¾	Georgia Pac	37¾	37¾	SFE Sopac	20¼	20¾
Anheuser B	31¾	31¼	Gillette	34¾	34¾	Sara Lee	41¾	41¼
Arch Dan	19¾	18¾	Goodrich	52¾	52½	Schlumb	31¾	31¾
Armco Steel	10¾	9¾	Goodyear	59¾	59¾	Scott Paper	36¾	36¾
Asarco Inc	23¾	23¾	Gould Inc	22½	22½	Seagram	54¾	54¼
Ashland Oil	35¾	35½	Grace Co	24¾	24¾	Sears Roeb	36¾	36¾
Atl Richfld	78¼	79¼	Grt Atl Pac	41¾	42	Sec Pac	38¾	37¾
Avon Prod	24	23¾	Greyhnd	31¼	31¼	Shell Trans	66¾	66¼
Bk Boston	27¾	27¾	Grumman	22	22¼	Smith Beck	47¾	47¾
Bank NY	34¾	34¾	Gulf Westn	49¾	49¾	Sonny Cp	50¼	50¾
Bankamer	14¾	14¾	Heinz	44¾	44½	SW Bell	39¼	38¾
Bkrs Tst NY	38¾	38¾	Hercules	45½	45¼	Squibb	65	64¾
Baxter	20¾	20¾	Hewlett Pk	48¾	47½	Sun Comp	57¾	58
Beth Steel	21¼	21	Honeywell	61¾	59¾	TDK	70	70¾
Boeing	60¾	60	IC Ind	34¾	34¾	TRW Inc	42¾	42¾
Boise Casc	43¼	43¾	ITT Cp	48½	48½	Teledyne	332¾	330¾
Borden	53¾	53½	INCO	25¾	27¾	Temneco	47¼	47¾
Bristl Meyr	44	44¼	Ing Rand Wi	36¼	36¾	Texaco	45¾	45¾
BP	48¾	48¾	Inland Steel	38¼	37½	Tex Eastn	25¾	25¾
Brunswck	19¾	19½	IBM	114¾	112	Texas Inst	40¾	39¼
Burl Nth	66¾	66½	Int Paper	45¾	45½	Tex Util	28½	28¾
CBS	165	164¾	Irving Bk	69¾	68¾	Textron	24¾	25
CMS Engy	21¾	21½	Jhsn & Jhsn	84¼	84½	Travelers	34¾	35¾
CPC Int	48¾	48	K Mart	34¾	34¼	UAL Cp	91	90¼
CSX Cp	26¾	26¾	Kaisertech	18½	18½	USG Cp	7¼	7¾
Camp Soup	28¾	28¾	Kerr McGee	36½	37¼	USX Cp	27¾	27¼
Can Pacific	16¼	16¾	Kimbrly Clrk	56¾	57¾	Unilever Plc	31¼	30¾
Caterpillar	56¾	56¾	Kraft	58¼	58¼	Un Carbide	23	22½
Centrl SW	31¼	31¼	Kroger	38¾	36¾	Un Pac Cp	55¾	56¾
Champion	32¾	33	LTV Cp	3¼	3¼	Unisys Cp	32¼	31¼
Chase Man	29¾	29½	Litton	73¾	73	Unit Brand	16¾	17¼
Chem Bank	31¾	32½	Lockheed	39¾	40¼	Us West	55¼	55¾
Chevron	43¼	44¾	Lone Star	30¾	31	Utd Tech	36½	35¾
Chrysler	22¾	23¾	Man H'nver	29¾	29¾	Unocal	35¼	35¾
Citicorp	24¼	24¼	Manville	2	1⅞	Warn Lamb	73¾	73¾
Clark Eq	29¼	28¾	Mapco	56¾	55½	Wells Far	84¼	84¾
Coca Cola	41¾	42	Marriott	28¾	28	Westg El	51¼	51
Colgate	43½	44¼	Mt Marrieta	40¾	40¾	Weyershr	24¾	24¾
Columb Gas	33¾	34	Masco Cp	25½	25¾	Whirlpool	25	24¼
Cmb'tn Eng	32¾	32¼	Mcdonalds	46¾	46¼	Woolworth	50	50¾
Cmwlth Ed	30¾	30	McDonnell	63¾	64¾	Xerox Cp	54¾	54¾
Cons Edis	43¾	43¾	Mead Cp	41¾	41	Zenith	20¾	20¾
Consol Ng	38¼	38¾	Merck	57¾	56¾			
Cont Data	23¾	22¾	Minsta Mng	61¾	61½	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	59½	58¾	Mobil	42¾	42¾			
Crane	30½	29¼	Monsanto	85¼	85¾	Agnco Eag	13¾	14¼
Curtiss W	49¼	49	Montedison	13¼	12¾	Alcan Alum	36¾	37
Data Genl	19½	18¾	Morgan Jp	37¾	37¾	Algoma Stl	25¼	25.12
Deere Co	43¾	43¾	Motorola	42½	41	Can Pacific	20¼	20¾
Delta Airl	48¾	47½	NCR	56¾	56¾	Comnco	17¾	18½
Detroit Edi	15¾	15¾	NL Indstrs	6¼	6¼	Con Bathrst	14¾	15
Digital Eq	94¾	92¾	Nat Md Ent	20	20¼	Hawk S Can	22¼	22¼
Disney	65¾	63¾	Nat Semi	9¾	9	Hud Bay M	18¾	18¾
Dow Cham	85¾	85½	Nor'otk Sth	28¼	28¼	Imasco	25½	25½
Dresar Ind	29¾	29¼	NW Bancrp	34¾	34¾	Imperial Oil	51½	52¼
Dupont	81½	81¼	Occid Petl	25¾	25¾	Inco	32	33¾
Duke Pwr	44½	44½	Ogden Cp	28¾	28¾	Royl Trstco	15¾	15¾
East Kodak	44	43¾	Olin Cp	46¼	46¼	Seagram	67¾	67¾
Eaton Cp	76	75½	PPG Ind	42¾	42	Shelco 'A'	22¾	42½
Emerson El	29¾	29¾	Pac Enterp	44¼	44¼	Thmsn N 'A	28¼	27¾
Emery Air	4¼	4¾	Pac Gas El	17	17¾	Varity Cp	3.50	3.55
Exxon	45½	45¾	Pan Am	2¾	2¾	WCT	16¾	16¾
Farah Inc	10¾	10½	Pannwy JC	48	47¾	Weston	33¾	33¾

USM takeovers jump after crash

By Colin Narbrough

Last October's stock market crash was followed by a significant increase in takeover activity among companies on the Unlisted Securities Market, according to figures compiled by *Acquisitions Monthly*.

In the eight and a half months since Black Monday, 250 acquisitions were made by USM companies, an increase of 34 on the eight and a half months leading up to October 18.

The total value of the acquisitions was, however, only £511 million, almost £300 million down on the pre-crash period.

This brought the value of the average bid down to £2.04 million, compared with the previous average of £3.74 million.

Acquisitions of USM firms by bigger non-USM companies totalled 28, a drop of 10, while in value terms they slumped by £241 million to £436 million.

Miss Joanna Gant, deputy editor of *Acquisitions Monthly*, said yesterday: "The worst always seems to have been expected of the USM.

"First, there were doubts that it would survive Big Bang.

"Instead, turnover rose to record levels and the USM outperformed the market."

She added that Black Monday had raised equally groundless fears that market sentiment would shift against smaller companies, restricting USM activity.

Miss Gant commented: "The USM is still holding its own and displaying more of the characteristics of a lusty infant than it is ever given credit for."

Saatchi in £9.2m NZ agency buy

By Martin Waller

Saatchi & Saatchi, is to buy New Zealand's second largest advertising agency, Mackay King Advertising Holdings, for an initial payment of NZ$25 million (£9.2 million).

Deferred payments, relating to profitability, are payable up to 1994, but the total consideration will not exceed NZ$80 million. The buy makes Saatchi the market leader.

Mackay King has agencies in Auckland and Wellington with 1987 billings of NZ$69 million, when it made NZ$ 4.1 million before tax.

Saatchi, the biggest advertising agency in the world, gains a Tokyo listing next month. It has a large advertising, public relations and marketing network in Australia and in June bought the Gartner Group, an American data consultant for US$90.3 million (43 million).

Strong imports cut Japanese surplus

Tokyo (Reuter) – Booming demand for imports narrowed Japan's worldwide trade surplus in August, surprising economists here who had predicted it would rise.

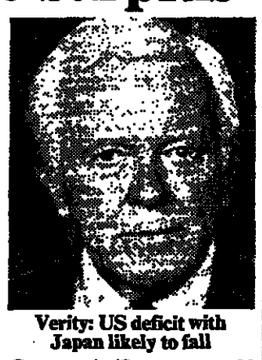
The customs-cleared trade surplus dropped to an unadjusted $4.94 billion (£2.91 billion) in August from $5.15 billion in August 1987. Surging imports also led to a decrease in Japan's surplus with the US for the eighth consecutive month, to $3.25 billion in August from $3.73 billion a year earlier.

Economists said imports were likely to continue strong for the rest of this year.

Analysts here had predicted the August surplus would rise by up to $1 billion from a year earlier.

Japan's August surplus in the trade of goods also fell in comparison with July, dropping to an adjusted $5.53 billion from $6.22 billion. July's surplus, an increase on a year-on-year basis, had ended a 14-month streak of year-on-year declines.

Mr William Verity, the US



Verity: US deficit with Japan likely to fall

Commerce Secretary, told reporters in Tokyo that the US trade deficit with Japan was likely to fall by $7 billion to $10 billion in calendar 1988. The deficit with Japan was $59.8 billion in 1987, according to US figures.

Mr Verity said his prediction depended on a continuation of current trends, which include a decline in Japanese exports to the US. But he added there were signs that Japan's overall exports might be rising.

Canning held to 6% rise

By Our City Staff

Higher profits from W Canning's expanding speciality chemicals and industrial distribution businesses more than offset a downturn in its US medical services operation, now a 44 per cent-owned associate, in the six months to end-June.

But growth in group pre-tax profits was restricted to 6 per cent at £3.51 million. The interim dividend is raised from 1.3p to 1.5p.

Exchange rate movements cost £250,000, said Mr Ron Brown, the finance director, but the group had the benefit of a £400,000 reduction in interest charges – the expansion of the Medserv Corporation in the US had pushed gearing up to 84 per cent at the end of 1986.

Canning sold a majority stake in Medserv to its management last summer. The US group contributed just £308,000 at the pre-tax level, against £2.29 million last time, as earnings were held back by the heavy financing needed for the deal and reorganization costs.

Against this, speciality chemicals chipped in £1.84 million this time and distribution £1.5 million, with about £1 million coming in total from recent acquisitions in both sectors.

Tilbury pays £10.3m for shop fitter

Tilbury Group has added to its specialist contracting business with a move into the shop-fitting industry.

The group is paying up to £10.35 million for Whittle Holdings.

It is paying £4.35 million down, with two further payments, which will total a maximum £6 million, payable if Whittle achieves certain profit targets.

Whittle is a national contractor based in Bournemouth, Dorset, serving the retail trade and gaining an increasing amount of work in the financial services sector.

In the year to end-October 1987, it made £838,000 pre-tax on turnover of £13.6 million. In the current year, business is expected to expand, and more staff have been taken on, but the benefits are not expected to come through until 1988-89.

For the maximum deferred consideration to be paid, the company would have to make a total of £3.5 million in the current year and next year.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Allid Lyon ('393)	360	16	28	36	10	19	21
	420	5	15	24	32	35	40
	460	2	7	11	68	70	72
Bass ('740)	700	52	65	75	6	16	20
	750	20	36	45	22	37	42
	800	5	15	26	63	73	75
Brit Air ('152)	140	16	19	23	2	4½	7
	160	4	7	13	13	16	17
	180	1	2½	–	30	31	–
Brit Com ('222)	220	10	18	23	10	14	16
	240	4	8	12	25	27	28
	260	2	4	7	43	43	45
Brit Gas ('174)	160	17	23	25	1	3	4½
	180	3	9	11	8½	11	13
	200	½	3	4½	26½	27	27
BP ('239)	220	23	31	33	1½	4	7¼
	240	8	17	19	7	10	15
	260	2	8	9½	22	22	29
Cons Gold ('1010)	950	90	135	165	32	57	70
	1000	62	110	140	60	80	93
	1100	29	68	95	130	135	150
Courtauld ('300)	300	1b	25	33	10	15	18
	330	4	12	20	31	35	36
	360	1	6	10	61	61	61
Com Union ('325)	330	13	26	32	14	18	27
	360	5	14	19	38	40	46
	390	2	6	12	68	68	72
C & W ('362)	330	42	52	60	3	8	12
	360	17	32	42	9	18	24
	390	5	17	25	30	35	40
GEC ('156)	140	21	25	28	1	3½	6
	160	5	10½	15	7	9	13
GKN ('309)	180	1	3	7	24	24	28
	300	19	29	36	5	9	15
	330	5½	14	18	22	25	30
	360	1	6	9	52	52	54
Grand Met ('477)	420	65	–	–	2	–	–
	460	30	44	52	7	14	18
	550	1½	8	13	77	77	78
ICI ('1033)	900	114	140	–	–	2	10
	950	69	102	115	8	20	30
	1000	34	68	82	25	39	50
	1100	4½	26	37	104	104	122
Jaguar ('241)	240	12	24	32	6	14	19
	260	4	13½	20	23	26	34
	280	2	7	12	41	41	46
	300	1	3½	7	61	61	67
Land Sec ('550)	500	57	70	83	2½	8	14
	550	20	35	48	16	29	30
	600	4	15	26	59	57	60
M & S ('156)	140	19	24	28	1	3	4½
	160	4½	10½	16	9	11	11
	180	1¼	4	8	26	27	28
R-Royce ('131)	120	13	17	21	2½	4¾	7
	130	5½	10	15	5½	8	11
	140	2	6	10	13	14	18
STC ('256)	240	22	31	37	3	7	10
	260	8	19	24	11	16	20
	280	2	10	15	27	29	34
Sainsbury ('206)	200	12	18	25	4	8	10
	220	3	7	12	16	18	21
	240	1	3½	–	36	36	–
	260	½	1	–	56	55	–
Shell ('980)	950	37	72	87	25	35	53
	1000	15	44	59	55	62	88
	1100	2	13½	23	152	152	167
Stores ('199)	180	18	23	28	7	10	15
	200	7	14	19	18	22	24
	220	2	7	11	35	36	38
Trafalgar ('259)	280	26	32	34	3¾	10	13
	300	11	19	24	10	20	22
	330	3	7¾	12	34	42	42
TSB ('99)	90	11	14	15	1	2¾	3½
	100	3½	6	8	4	6½	7¾
	110	1	2½	3½	13	13	14
Utd Biscs ('256)	220	10	18	22	16	16	18
	280	2½	8	14	25	28	28
Ultramar ('205)	220	8½	17½	22	23	28	34
	240	4½	11	15	40	42	46
	260	3	6½	11	58	60	60
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	330	5½	14	18	22	25	30
	360	1	6	9	52	52	54
Grand Met ('477)	420	65	–	–	2	–	–
	460	30	44	52	7	14	18
	550	9	22	30	28	33	38
ICI ('1033)	900	114	140	–	–	2	10
	950	69	102	115	8	20	30
	1000	34	68	82	25	39	50
	1100	4½	26	37	104	104	122
Jaguar ('241)	240	12	24	32	6	14	19
	260	4	13½	20	23	26	34
	280	2	7	12	41	41	46
	300	1	3½	7	61	61	67
Land Sec ('550)	500	57	70	83	2½	8	14
	550	20	35	48	16	29	30
	600	4	15	26	59	57	60
M & S ('156)	140	19	24	28	1	3	4½
	160	4½	10½	16	9	11	11
	180	1¼	4	8	26	27	28
R-Royce ('131)	120	13	17	21	2½	4¾	7
	130	5½	10	15	5½	8	11
	140	2	6	10	13	14	18
STC ('256)	240	22	31	37	3	7	10
	260	8	19	24	11	16	20
	280	2	10	15	27	29	34
Sainsbury ('206)	200	12	18	25	4	8	10
	220	3	7	12	16	18	21
	240	1	3½	–	36	36	–
	260	½	1	–	56	55	–
Shell ('980)	950	37	72	87	25	35	53
	1000	15	44	59	55	62	88
	1100	2	13½	23	152	152	167
Stores ('199)	180	18	23	28	7	10	15
	200	7	14	19	18	22	24
	220	2	7	11	35	36	38
Trafalgar ('259)	280	26	32	34	3¾	10	13
	300	11	19	24	10	20	22
	330	3	7¾	12	34	42	42
TSB ('99)	90	11	14	15	1	2¾	3½
	100	3½	6	8	4	6½	7¾
	110	1	2½	3½	13	13	14
Utd Biscs ('256)	220	10	18	22	16	16	18
	280	2½	8	14	25	28	28
Ultramar ('205)	220	8½	17½	22	23	28	34
	240	4½	11	15	40	42	46
	260	3	6½	11	58	60	60
Woolworth ('256)	260	8	20	28	15	20	23
	280	3½	13	18	29	33	35
	300	1	7	12	49	50	52

	Series	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Glaxo ('1002)	900	108	123	152	1	15	25
	950	62	86	115	5	30	42
	1000	25	55	67	21	62	64
	1100	2	20	–	102	117	–
Hanson ('143)	130	13	16½	18	½	2¾	3½
	140	4	8¼	11¼	1¾	6	7
	160	½	1¾	4	18	19	20
Hawker ('496)	460	43	53	65	3	10	14
	500	11	27	42	15	27	32
	550	1	10	20	57	60	68
Hillsdown ('261)	260	9	17	26	5	10	13
	280	2	9	16	20	21	22
	300	½	4	8	40	41	42
Lonhro ('252)	223	41	47	–	1	2	–
	240	24	32

Portfolio — PLUS NEW — Accumulator

From your Portfolio gold card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily or accumulator dividend figures. If it matches or betters this figure you have won outright or a share of the daily or accumulator prize money stated. If you win, follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. Always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Accord	Newspapers,Pub	
2	Brush Gas (aa)	Oil,Gas	
3	Tottenham Hotspur	Leisure	
4	Redland (aa)	Building,Roads	
5	Amstrad (aa)	Electricals	
6	Morgan Crucible	Industrials L-R	
7	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
8	TV-AM	Leisure	
9	Evans Of Leeds	Property	
10	Boddington	Breweries	
11	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
12	Imry Merch	Property	
13	GR	Industrials E-K	
14	Vaux Group	Breweries	
15	Brent Chems	Chemicals,Plas	
16	Hogg Robinson Plc	Drapery,Stores	
17	Scot Heritable	Industrials S-Z	
18	Gerrard Nat	Banks,Discount	
19	Thorn Scientific	Electricals	
20	Farnell Elect	Electricals	
21	Sovereign	Oil,Gas	
22	Capital Radio	Leisure	
23	Waterford Glass	Industrials S-Z	
24	Local Lon	Property	
25	Mersey Docks	Shipping	
26	BOC (aa)	Industrials A-D	
27	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
28	Eurotunnel Units	Industrials E-K	
29	Camford Eng	Industrials A-D	
30	Birmingham Mint	Industrials A-D	
31	Nthn Foods (aa)	Foods	
32	Parkfield	Industrials L-R	
33	Lloyds (aa)	Banks,Discount	
34	Magnet (aa)	Building,Roads	
35	Realty Useful	Leisure	
36	Gallitord	Building,Roads	
37	Western Selecuon	Electricals	
38	Scot & New (aa)	Breweries	
39	Wace	Paper,Print,Adv	
40	Hepworth	Industrials E-K	
41	Unigate (aa)	Foods	
42	Dag Motors	Motors,Aircraft	
43	Etam	Drapery,Stores	
44	Delyn Packaging	Paper,Print,Adv	
	© Times Newspapers Ltd.	Daily Total	

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend						
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1988 High Low Stock | Price | Chge | Int. Only yld% | Gross Red yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

100¾ 99 Treas 9¾% 1988 99¾ .. 9.82 11.443
111¾ 99¾ Treas 11¾% 1989 99¾ .. 11.5 11.538
103¾ 98¾ Treas 10½% 1989 99¾ .. 10.5 11.518
102 98¾ Exch 10% 1990 99¾ .. 10.1 11.467
104¾ 99¾ Exch 10½% 1990 99¾ +⅛ 10.5 11.467
111¾ 99¾ Treas 11% 1989 99¾ .. 11.0 11.376
97¾ 93¾ Treas 9¾% 1986-89 94¾ .. 9.2 10.097
101¾ 99¾ Treas C 9¾% 1989 99¾ +⅛ 9.6 11.572
97¾ 95¾ Treas 9½% 1990 95¾ .. 9.2 10.042
107¾ 102¾ Exch 10½% 1990 102¾ .. 10.2 10.086
104¾ 100 Exch 10% 1990 100¾ .. 10.0 10.065
107¾ 102¾ Exch 10½% 1990 102¾ +⅛ 10.2 10.076
104¾ 100 Exch 10% 1990 100¾ .. 9.9 9.954
103¾ 100¾ Treas 9¾% 1987-90 96¾ .. 9.5 10.621
103¾ 99¾ Treas 10% 1990 99¾ .. 10.1 10.721
91¾ 87¾ Exch 8½% 1990 87¾ .. 10.1 10.483
105¾ 99¾ Treas C 10¾% 1990 101¾ .. 11.5 10.699
107¾ 102¾ Exch 11% 1991 103¾ .. 11.5 10.699
95¾ 87¾ Fund 5½% 1987-91 90¾ .. 8.3 10.091
104¾ 100¾ Exch 11% 1991 100¾ .. 10.6 10.581
99¾ 95¾ Treas 9¾% 1991 96¾ .. 9.5 10.584
103¾ 98¾ Treas 9¾% 1991 93 .. 8.6 10.508
113¾ 105¾ Treas 12¾% 1992 105 .. 12.0 10.508
104¾ 98¾ Treas 10% 1992 99¾ +⅛ 10.1 10.456
108¾ 99¾ Treas C 10¾% 1992 99¾ .. 10.4 10.473
86¾ 80¾ Exch 8% 1992 85¾ .. 9.4 10.473
112¾ 104¾ Exch 12¼% 1992 105¾ +⅛ 11.6 10.581
117¾ 108¾ Exch 13¼% 1992 109¾ 10.551

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

97¼ 91¾ Treas 8¼% 1993 92¾ +⅛ 8.9 10.433
105¾ 98¾ Treas 10% 1993 99¾ +⅛ 10.1 10.382
115¾ 107¾ Treas 12¾% 1993 107¾ +⅛ 11.6 10.444
93 88 Fund 5% 1987-93 88 .. 5.6 10.501
121¾ 112¾ Treas 13¾% 1994 112¾ +⅛ 12.2 10.508
103¾ 96¾ Treas 9¾% 1994 92¾ +⅛ 9.2 10.417
125¾ 115¾ Treas 14¾% 1994 116¾ +⅛ 12.4 10.448
119¾ 107¾ Exch 12¾% 1994 108¾ +⅛ 11.5 10.582
118¾ 111¾ Exch 13¾% 1994 112 +⅛ 12.0 10.586
101¾ 93¾ Treas 9¾% 1994 94¾ +⅛ 8.5 10.344
105¾ 98 Treas 10% 1994 99¾ +⅛ 10.1 10.301
104¾ 98¾ Treas 10% 1995 100¾ +⅛ 10.1 10.370
114¾ 105¼ Gas 12¾% 1995-98 81 .. 3.70 5.808
83¾ 78¾ Gas 9% 1995-98 98¾ .. 10.3 10.357
106¾ 98¾ Treas 10¾% 1995 111¾ .. 11.4 10.370
120¾ 111 Treas 12¾% 1995 117¾ .. 11.0 10.370
126¾ 116¾ Treas 14% 1995 94¾ .. 9.5 10.107
101¾ 93¾ Treas 9¾% 1995-96 126¾ +⅛ 12.2 10.462
133¾ 123¾ Treas 15% 1996 114¾ .. 11.5 10.371
123¾ 114 Exch 13¾% 1996 98¾ +⅛ 10.1 10.360
105¾ 97¾ Conv 10% 1996 101¾ +⅛ 11.4 10.340
124¾ 115 Treas 13¾% 1996 101¾ +⅛ 10.3 10.275
108¾ 97¾ Treas 9¾% 1997 99¾ +⅛ 9.4 10.099
134¾ 125¾ Exch 15% 1997 125¾ +⅛ 11.8 10.493
87¾ 81¾ Treas 8¾% 1997 97¾ .. 8.1 9.592
104 98¾ Treas 10% 1998 131¾ +⅛ 11.7 10.395
140¼ 129¾ Treas 12¾% 1998 110¾ +⅛ 11.5 10.208
118¾ 109¾ Exch 12% 1998 98¾ .. 9.8 9.976
103¾ 95¾ Treas 9¾% 1998 112¾ +⅛ 10.8 10.279
128¾ 111¾ Exch 12% 1999 102 +⅛ 10.2 10.169
107¾ 99¾ Conv 10¾% 1999 100¾ +⅛ 10.6 10.149
100¾ 95¾ Treas 9½% 2000 94¾ +⅛ 9.3 9.907
126¾ 117¾ Treas 11¾% 2000 118¾ +⅛ 10.9 10.271
106¾ 98¾ Treas 9¾% 2000 98¾ +⅛ 9.6 9.930
104¾ 97¾ Conv 9¾% 2001 121¾ +⅛ 11.5 10.452
128¾ 120¾ Exch 11¾% 2001 93¾ +⅛ 9.6 9.969
95¾ 88¾ Exch 9% 2002 100¾ +⅛ 9.9 10.295
107 94¾ Conv 10% 2002 107¾ +⅛ 10.6 10.295
118¾ 109¾ Exch 12% 1999 98¾ +⅛ 9.9 9.537
105¾ 97¾ Treas 9¼% 2002 .. ..

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

109 100¾ Treas 10% 2003 101¾ +⅛ 9.9 9.871
131¼ 122¾ Treas 13¾% 2000 122 +⅛ 11.1 10.316
117¾ 109¾ Treas 11¾% 2001 .. .. 10.4 10.122
109 100¾ Treas 10% 2004 101¾ +⅛ 9.8 9.818
58¾ 54½ Conv 5% 2004 57¾ +⅛ 8.1 9.044
104¾ 97¾ Conv 9¾% 2004 98¾ +⅛ 9.6 9.586
104¾ 97¾ Conv 9½% 2005 106¾ +⅛ 9.6 9.587
113¾ 105¾ Exch 10½% 2005 116¾ +⅛ 10.4 9.576
127¾ 118¾ Treas 12¾% 2003-7 118¾ +⅛ 10.8 9.833
92 85¾ Conv 8¾% 2006 .. .. 9.6 9.587
108¾ 99¾ Conv 9¾% 2006 113¾ +⅛ 10.3 9.587
121¾ 112¾ Treas 11¾% 2003-7 98¾ +⅛ 9.6 9.463
97 89¾ Treas 8¾% 2007 122¾ +⅛ 10.5 9.504
137¾ 127¾ Treas 13¾% 2004 .. .. 9.3 9.443
101¾ 93¾ Treas 9% 2008 95¾ +⅛ 9.1 9.414
107¾ 99¾ Treas 9¾% 2008 97¾ +⅛ 9.3 9.414
90¾ 83¾ Treas 8% 2009 85¾ +⅛ 9.1 9.359
89¾ 82¾ Treas 8% 2012-15 84¾ +⅛ 9.1 9.370
89¾ 82¾ Treas 8% 2013-17 124¾ +⅛ 9.5 9.390
130¾ 121¾ Exch 12% 2013-17 .. ..

UNDATED

44¾ 41 Consols 2½% 42¾ .. .. 5.83 ..
39¾ 37¾ War Ln 3½% 55¾ .. .. 6.32 ..
55¾ 48¾ Conv 3½% 31¾ .. .. 11.3 ..
33¾ 30¾ Treas 3% 28¾ .. .. 10.5 ..
28¾ 26¾ Consols 2½% 25¾ .. .. 9.25 ..
28¾ 25 Treas 2½% .. ..

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121¾ 117¾ Treas IL 2½% 1988 120¾ .. ..
103 99 Treas IL 2½% 1992 102¾ .. ..
139¾ 127¾ Treas IL 2½% 1994 136¾ .. ..
114¾ 103¾ Treas IL 2½% 2001 112¾ .. ..
113¾ 101¾ Treas IL 2½% 2003 107¾ .. ..
105¾ 95¾ Treas IL 2½% 2011 99¾ .. ..
109¾ 99¾ Treas IL 2½% 2016 103¾ .. ..
91¾ 85¾ Treas IL 2½% 2020 88¾ .. ..
98¾ 89¾ Treas IL 2½% 2024 93¾ .. ..
96¾ 87¾ Treas IL 2% 2024 78¾ .. ..

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1988 High Low Company | Price Bid | Price Offer | Chge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E

281 220 Alfred Inch 262 268 -12 .. 47 26 97
212 165 Anglo Leasing 205 207 .. .. 27 33 35.0
243 124 Ashdown (Henry) 233 237 -2 .. ..
.. .. Ast New Z .. ..
.. .. Bank of Ireland .. ..
.. .. Bank of Scotland .. ..
.. .. Bank of Wales .. ..
.. .. Barclays (aa) .. ..
.. .. Benchmark .. ..
.. .. Brown Shipley .. ..
.. .. Bus Mortgage .. ..
.. .. Chas Allen .. ..
.. .. Citibank .. ..
.. .. Clydesdale .. ..
.. .. Chase Manhattan .. ..
.. .. Close Bros .. ..
.. .. Commercial .. ..
.. .. Co-operative Bank .. ..
.. .. Duncan & Ass Fin .. ..
.. .. Edinburgh .. ..
.. .. Edward Hld .. ..
.. .. Exeter Trust .. ..
.. .. Fleming Meiken .. ..
.. .. Gerrard Nat .. ..
.. .. Guinness Mahon .. ..
.. .. Hambros .. ..
.. .. Hill Samuel .. ..
.. .. Hoare Govett .. ..
.. .. Julian Hodge .. ..
.. .. Kleinwort Benson .. ..
.. .. Lazard Brothers .. ..
.. .. Lloyds Bank .. ..
.. .. Mallinhall .. ..
.. .. Matheson .. ..
.. .. Mercantile Credit .. ..
.. .. Midland Bank .. ..
.. .. Morgan Grenfell .. ..
.. .. National Girobank .. ..
.. .. National Westminster .. ..
.. .. Northern Rock .. ..
.. .. Provincial .. ..
.. .. Rea Brothers .. ..
.. .. Robert Fleming .. ..
.. .. Rothschild .. ..
.. .. Royal Bank of Scot .. ..
.. .. Save & Prosper .. ..
.. .. Schroders .. ..
.. .. Standard Chart (aa) .. ..
.. .. TSB (aa) .. ..
.. .. Union Disc .. ..
.. .. Wagon Ind .. ..
.. .. Warburg .. ..
.. .. Wells Fargo .. ..
.. .. Westpac .. ..

Cinemas, TV stocks have now been incorporated under Leisure

DRAPERY, STORES

408 337 Alexon 356 362 -1 10.7 3.0 11.3
78 21 Ashley Day 22 .. .. .. 41 51 2.2
.. .. Aquascutum 'A' .. ..
.. .. Ashley (Laura) .. ..
.. .. Austin (James) 'A' .. ..
.. .. Bambi .. ..
.. .. Barkers .. ..
.. .. Bejam .. ..
.. .. Bentalls .. ..
.. .. Berry (H) .. ..
.. .. Bhs .. ..
.. .. Blacks Leis .. ..
.. .. Body Shop .. ..
.. .. Bonmarc .. ..
.. .. Brown & Jackson .. ..
.. .. Burton (M) .. ..
.. .. Burton (Tn) .. ..
.. .. Carpets Int .. ..
.. .. Chelsea Girl .. ..
.. .. Church .. ..
.. .. Combe (Frank) 'A' .. ..
.. .. Combe (Frank) 'A' .. ..
.. .. Courts (Furn) .. ..
.. .. Courts Mercantile .. ..
.. .. Dawson Int .. ..
.. .. Debenhams .. ..
.. .. Dewhirst (J) .. ..
.. .. Dixons Grp (aa) .. ..
.. .. Do 'A' .. ..
.. .. Dunn .. ..
.. .. Empire Stores .. ..
.. .. Etam .. ..
.. .. Fine Art Dev .. ..
.. .. Forminster .. ..
.. .. Gent Sht .. ..
.. .. Goldberg (A) .. ..
.. .. Gt Universal .. ..
.. .. Habitat .. ..
.. .. Halma Pic .. ..
.. .. Do 'A' (aa) .. ..
.. .. Hepworth .. ..
.. .. Hogg Robinson plc .. ..
.. .. Holdings .. ..
.. .. House Of Fraser .. ..
.. .. Leslie Wise Gp .. ..
.. .. Lewis .. ..
.. .. Marks Spencer (aa) .. ..
.. .. Mendes (John) .. ..
.. .. Moss Bros .. ..
.. .. Next (aa) .. ..
.. .. Oliver (G) .. ..
.. .. Peacock .. ..
.. .. Pentos .. ..
.. .. Pittards .. ..
.. .. Ramsay (A) .. ..
.. .. Rayner Int .. ..
.. .. Reed Group .. ..
.. .. Reed Wards .. ..
.. .. Sanderson .. ..
.. .. Scottish Textiles .. ..
.. .. Sharps & Fisher .. ..
.. .. Smart (J) .. ..
.. .. Sock Shop .. ..
.. .. Stanley Gibbons .. ..
.. .. Storehouse (aa) .. ..
.. .. Sumit (aa) .. ..
.. .. Tarmac (aa) .. ..
.. .. Taylor Woodrow (aa) .. ..
.. .. Tilbury Group .. ..
.. .. Time & Arnold .. ..
.. .. Tomkins .. ..
.. .. Tricorn .. ..
.. .. Vantona .. ..
.. .. Vantona Group .. ..
.. .. Ward White .. ..
.. .. Wickes .. ..
.. .. Wilkinson Match .. ..
.. .. Willerby & Hall .. ..
.. .. Wilson Bowden .. ..
.. .. Wolfe (Connolly) .. ..
.. .. Woolgar & G (aa) .. ..
.. .. Yeoman .. ..

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

144 105 Allied Colloids 133 135 +1 3.1 2.5 13.9
577 441 Albright&Wilson 553 555 +1 33.3 6.0 12.5
199 136 Bibby (J) 193 195 +1 8.3 6.4 13.8
.. .. Bayer DM50 .. ..
.. .. Blagden .. ..
.. .. Brent Chems 140 142 +1 7.1b 5.0 12.9
.. .. Canning (W) 212 216 +1 8.7 4.0 12.9
.. .. Crodda .. ..
.. .. Croda Inve .. ..
.. .. Croda .. ..
.. .. Ellis & Everard 131 133 +1 6.3 4.7 13.3
.. .. European Colour .. ..
.. .. Evode .. ..
.. .. Fisons 212 216 -1 9.7 4.5 12.5
.. .. Hickson (James) 210 212 -1 8.7 4.0 13.6
.. .. Hickson DM50 .. ..
.. .. Ilco Chem Ind (aa) 217 222 +1 7.5 3.4 18.0
.. .. Laporte (aa) .. ..
.. .. Leigh .. ..
.. .. Micro Hydro 17 .. ..
.. .. Pilkington 151 153 .. 5.9 3.8 17.9
.. .. Rentokil Hldgs 278 281 .. 5.5 1.9 28.5
.. .. Rentokil 281 283 +1 5.5 1.9 29.3
.. .. Sutcliffe Speakman .. ..
.. .. Wolverhampton Hld .. ..
.. .. Yorkshire Chem 122 127 .. 10.7 4.5 14.4
.. .. Yule Catto 122 127 .. 4.1 3.3 14.4

BUILDING, ROADS

.. .. Abbey .. ..
.. .. Amec .. ..
.. .. Anglo Sec .. ..
.. .. Anglo Utd .. ..
.. .. Ancilla .. ..
.. .. Ashtead .. ..
.. .. BPB Ind (aa) .. ..
.. .. Baggeridge Brick .. ..
.. .. Bailey (Nm) Constr .. ..
.. .. Barrat Devs .. ..
.. .. Bellway .. ..
.. .. Bellwinch .. ..
.. .. Berkeley Gp .. ..
.. .. Bett Bros .. ..
.. .. Brockleys .. ..
.. .. Blue Circle (aa) .. ..
.. .. Boot (Henry) .. ..
.. .. Bovis PLC .. ..
.. .. Br Dredging .. ..
.. .. Brunt .. ..
.. .. CALA .. ..
.. .. Cbt .. ..
.. .. Celebrated Rsbey .. ..
.. .. Cladden .. ..
.. .. Church Charlton .. ..
.. .. Clarke Cny .. ..
.. .. Cocoon PLC .. ..
.. .. Costain .. ..
.. .. Countryside .. ..
.. .. Crest Nicholson .. ..
.. .. Cosby James .. ..
.. .. Douglas (RM) .. ..
.. .. Edmund Hidgs .. ..
.. .. Elec .. ..
.. .. Fairclough Hg .. ..
.. .. Fairey Gp .. ..
.. .. Gardners .. ..
.. .. Gibbs & Dandy Ord .. ..
.. .. Gleeson (M.J) .. ..
.. .. Hanson (aa) .. ..
.. .. Hawtin-Smart .. ..
.. .. Haywood Williams .. ..
.. .. Higgs & Hill .. ..
.. .. How Gp .. ..
.. .. Howard Hidgs .. ..
.. .. Hunting Johnson .. ..
.. .. Jarvis (J) & Sons .. ..
.. .. Laing (J) .. ..
.. .. Lancashire (Water) .. ..
.. .. Lilley (Tom) .. ..
.. .. Magnet (aa) .. ..
.. .. Mansion .. ..
.. .. Marley .. ..
.. .. Marshalls (Halifax) .. ..
.. .. Maunders (J) .. ..
.. .. McAlpine (Alfred) .. ..
.. .. McCarthy & S .. ..
.. .. Meyer Int .. ..
.. .. Miller (Stanley) .. ..
.. .. Monarch (John) .. ..
.. .. Mow .. ..
.. .. Newarthill .. ..
.. .. Newman Tonks .. ..
.. .. Norcros .. ..
.. .. Pearson Timber .. ..
.. .. Pochins .. ..
.. .. Ranking .. ..
.. .. Rank Int .. ..
.. .. Redland (aa) .. ..
.. .. Redman .. ..
.. .. Rmc Gp (aa) .. ..
.. .. Rugby Group .. ..
.. .. Scottish Forbes .. ..
.. .. Sharps & Fisher .. ..
.. .. Smart (J) .. ..
.. .. Tarmac (aa) .. ..
.. .. Taylor Woodrow (aa) .. ..
.. .. Tilbury Group .. ..
.. .. Time & Arnold .. ..
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.. .. Tarmac .. ..
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.. .. Wolfe (Connolly) .. ..
.. .. Woolgar & G (aa) .. ..
.. .. Yeoman .. ..

ELECTRICALS

440 340 AB Elect 405 415 +1 18.5 4.5 17.2
111 70 ABS Instr 70 73 .. ..
113 .. Advanced Comp .. ..
146 .. Alba 137 139 .. 8.0 5.8 16.7
.. .. Alphameric 69 .. ..
.. .. Amstrad (aa) 215 217 +2 .. ..
.. .. Apricot Computers 111 113 .. 4.0b 3.5 8.3
.. .. Arlen .. ..
.. .. Atlantic Comp .. ..
.. .. Audio Fidelity 116 .. .. 10.0 8.6 9.5
.. .. Auto Sec 17 .. .. 3.1 13 14.8
.. .. Beacon Gp .. ..
.. .. Bowaid & Fountain .. ..
.. .. BSR (aa) 60 .. .. 12.5 20.8 16.4
.. .. Bull 60 .. .. 18.3 5.4 15.6
.. .. Burndy 3.1 5.0 9.1
.. .. Burnell .. ..
.. .. Brentmore .. ..
.. .. Business Security .. ..
.. .. C Tolecom (aa) .. ..
.. .. Calan (AF) 'A' .. ..
.. .. CAP Group .. ..
.. .. CASE .. ..
.. .. Cable Wireless (aa) .. ..
.. .. Cambridge Elec .. ..

FINANCE, LAND

.. .. Abingworth 238 245 .. 17 8.7 ..
.. .. Adam Hume 31 .. .. 3.3 4.5 13.1
.. .. Allied Hume 216 220 +1 13.7 4.5 8.9
.. .. Ass Hldgs 274 280 .. 13.3 4.1 31.7
.. .. Authority Inv .. ..
.. .. Bellway Govett .. ..
.. .. Br Comm'th (aa) 238 240 .. 11.0 5.0 9.4
.. .. Burns-Anderson 91 .. .. 3.5 3.8 14.5
.. .. Cannons 214 .. .. 10.0 4.6 12.6
.. .. Candover 414 .. .. 13.2 3.2 31.5
.. .. Charterhouse .. ..
.. .. Christies Int 17.8 3.5 11.1
.. .. Kennys&Thompson 415 .. .. 14.8 3.5 21.0
.. .. Ind Fin Inv .. .. .. 4.6 .. 14.2
.. .. Lary & Sheu 7.7 6.5 15.3
.. .. LTC .. ..
.. .. Mapeley 9.9 4.5 38.6
.. .. Nat Home Loans 9.8 8.5 6.4
.. .. Nationwide .. ..
.. .. Parkfield Pic .. ..
.. .. Pearl Gp 13 0.7 21.7
.. .. Peel Hldgs .. ..
.. .. Prop Security .. ..
.. .. Slough Estates 14 1.9 24.3
.. .. Stanhope Prop 8.3 3.6 17.2
.. .. Town Centre 7.5 4.7 13.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

17½ 11¾ American Express 17½ .. ..
118 84 Apple 77 84 .. ..
.. .. Bristol Amer .. ..
34½ 29 Bisley Mkt 30 .. .. 0.47 1.5 64.2
.. .. Brit Assets .. ..
.. .. Brunner Inv .. ..
.. .. Capital Gearing .. ..
.. .. Cardinal Assets .. ..
.. .. Chrysalis .. ..
.. .. Derby Trust .. ..
.. .. Dunedin Income .. ..
.. .. Edinburgh Inv .. ..
.. .. Electra Inv .. ..
.. .. Eng & Int .. ..
.. .. Ex Mkt Inv .. ..
.. .. F&C Eurotrust .. ..
.. .. First Scottish .. ..
.. .. First Spanish .. ..
.. .. Fleming Claverh .. ..
.. .. Fleming Enterprise .. ..
.. .. Fleming Mercantile .. ..
.. .. Fleming Overseas .. ..
.. .. Foreign & Colonial .. ..
.. .. Gartmore Int .. ..
.. .. Gen Consolidated .. ..
.. .. Gen Scottish .. ..
.. .. Globe Inv Trust .. ..
.. .. Govett Amer Endrw .. ..
.. .. Govett Enterprise .. ..
.. .. Govett Oriental .. ..
.. .. Govett Strategic .. ..
.. .. Gresham Trust .. ..
.. .. Hambros Pac .. ..
.. .. Henderson Admin .. ..
.. .. Ivory & Sime .. ..
.. .. Jove .. ..
.. .. Kleinwort Dvlpmt .. ..
.. .. Lake .. ..
.. .. Lowland .. ..
.. .. Martin Currie .. ..
.. .. Merchants Trust .. ..
.. .. Monks Investment .. ..
.. .. Moorgate Inv .. ..
.. .. Murray Elect .. ..
.. .. Murray Income .. ..
.. .. Nineteen Hundred .. ..
.. .. Northern Amer .. ..
.. .. Pacific Assets .. ..
.. .. Perpetual .. ..
.. .. Raeburn .. ..
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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdschanze Rd, Bournemouth BH8 9AL
Tel: 0345 717379 (Lifeline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	109.5	116.1⊕	..	8.81
Hi Inc Equity	111.3	119.1	+0.9	5.00
Worldwide Bd	193.0	204.5⊕	+0.1	4.74
American Gth	153.8	163.1	+0.2	0.09
Asian Pacific	72.2	76.6⊕	+0.06	1.41
Assets & Earns	133.5	141.5	-0.1	1.27
Capital Res	79.72	79.76	+0.01	3.76
Comm Energy	97.04	93.16	-0.94	0.00
Euro Capital	72.05	76.84	+0.45	0.98
General	152.6	162.3⊕	+0.9	2.77
Japan	90.59	96.89	+0.39	0.00
UK Gth Inc	117.2	124.7	-0.2	1.84
Do Acc	172.8	183.9	-0.3	1.25
US Emerg Co	44.76	47.61	+0.77	0.00
Income Gth	240.2	255.0	-2.5	3.60
Master Acc	71.10	75.05	+0.24	2.14
American Inc	43.80	46.59⊕	+0.26	5.88
Ethical Tst	42.57	45.23	+0.15	2.76

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
Tel: 0224 632070

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Salisbury House 39, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DQ Tel: 01-374 6901 dealing (Freephone) 0800 283588				
American	41.32	44.17	+0.31	2.05
Australian	22.97	24.33⊕	-0.53	1.41
Euro Tst	41.65	44.15	-0.09	0.00
Extra Inc	36.23	38.48⊕	+0.25	5.57
Fund Invest	96.43	101.4	+0.28	1.01
Do Acc	141.6	153.0	-0.4	1.01
Gt/Fxd Interest	22.17	23.58⊕	+0.01	10.12
Global Income	34.81	37.04	+0.19	5.21
Income Growth	63.21	67.24	+0.40	4.46
Japan Gen	162.6	173.0	+0.2	0.01
N Amer Inc	25.95	27.54	+0.22	3.29
Special Sits	89.89	95.58	+0.46	0.00
UK Growth	32.99	34.76	+2.47	2.85
World Gth	38.71	41.08	+0.25	1.16

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth Acc	107.2	114.9⊕	+0.9	0.40
Exempt	376.4	396.4⊕	+0.8	4.65
Far Eastern	213.7	228.5⊕	-0.6	0.60
Fin & Prop	75.22	79.69⊕	+0.46	2.62
Hi Yield	74.78	79.21	+0.24	4.81
Income & Gth	256.6	313.2⊕	+1.0	4.58
Intl Earnings	174.7	186.0	+0.6	3.08
Nat Gth Inc	96.14	91.74⊕	+0.06	5.24
Japan Gth Acc	152.2	162.7	+1.2	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	115.8	124.5	+1.4	2.58
Preference Inc	133.5	141.4	+0.2	8.61
Smlr Co Div Inc	91.46	96.89	-0.01	4.53
Smlr Co Gth	288.3	306.4⊕	+0.7	1.71
Spec Sits Inc	124.8	132.2	..	1.57
UK Growth	357.5	378.7⊕	+1.4	3.46

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
Tel: 0793 28591 dealing:0793 610356

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Income	107.7	265.0⊕	+0.3	5.03
Equity Inc	164.0	174.6	-0.3	4.47
High Yield	166.9	177.7	..	5.33
Balanced	356.8	422.5	+0.3	3.41
Amer Acc	29.00	30.86⊕	+0.09	4.32
World Acc Val	28.82	29.59⊕	-0.02	1.05
Japan	138.4	147.3	+0.4	0.01
Rest of Amer	152.7	162.5	+0.5	0.00
Asset Value	306.0	325.2	+0.6	3.80
O'seas Earn	199.1	212.0	-0.4	3.30
Recovery	94.99	101.0	-0.12	2.85
UK Spec Sits	240.2	255.5⊕	-1.0	2.65
Smlr Co	180.5	170.3	..	0.00
Capital	257.1	252.5	-0.4	3.16
Amer Spec Sit	63.30	67.41⊕	+0.02	1.91
International	90.56	96.44⊕	+0.14	1.03
Gilt & Fixed	144.7	154.1	+0.3	7.77
Euro Gth	17.66	19.04⊕	+0.11	1.31
Pacific	216.5	230.5	-1.7	0.30
2nd Smlr Co	180.9	192.6⊕	-1.7	2.03

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	74.54	79.51⊕	-0.84	3.60
Euro Gth Inc	62.22	66.37⊕	+0.17	0.00
Extra Income	90.51	96.54	-0.89	5.14
General	158.1	168.6⊕	-1.8	2.77
Gilt & Fixed Inc	91.91	53.52⊕	-0.06	9.72
Income Tst	360.5	405.9⊕	-4.8	4.15

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 3602

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American EVS	59.57	61.94	+0.16	1.40
Australia	40.69	43.01	+1.33	0.00
Eastern	74.78	80.76⊕	-0.46	0.40
Equity Inc	85.38	89.37	+0.52	5.30
Europe	119.5	126.6	+0.4	0.00
Exempt Tst	52.54	55.59⊕	..	7.97
Growth & Inc	206.2	217.0⊕	+0.20	2.27
Do Acc	113.7	122.0⊕	+0.3	2.20
Global Gth	59.45	63.08	+0.61	0.00
Japan Spec	140.1	149.5⊕	+0.7	0.00
Japan Sun	147.9	157.8⊕	+0.05	0.00
First Europe	109.7	116.4	+1.0	1.20
First Japan	101.8	108.4	+0.9	0.59
First N Amer	45.18	47.94	+0.22	1.05
First Pacific	85.17	90.37	+0.02	0.00
N Amer Spec	42.48	45.09	+0.15	0.60
UK Growth	53.13	56.52⊕	-0.10	5.12
Select Man Fd	45.42	48.20	+0.05	2.00

BROWN SHIPLEY
8-17, Pennymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	143.9	152.5⊕	+0.7	3.91
Smlr Co Acc	265.5	306.4	-0.2	0.82
Do Inc	180.6	185.1	-0.1	1.29
Fin Sector	213.7	228.5⊕	-0.6	0.60
Fin & Prop	75.22	79.69⊕	+0.46	2.62
Man Portfl Inc	89.91	85.78⊕	-0.23	2.63
Do Acc	137.4	146.2⊕	-0.4	2.20
Nth American	47.03	49.92	+0.15	0.00
Orient	102.6	109.0	+0.4	0.29
Exempt	257.4	271.6	+0.6	2.76
Recovery	61.34	65.04	-0.09	1.81
Gemmin	22.82	24.25	+0.02	1.69
Int Recov	24.34	25.84	+0.03	0.50
Europa	15.69	16.72⊕	-0.05	3.98
Conv General	23.24	24.78⊕	+0.04	6.61

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT Tel: 01-538 2858 01 623 2348

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Emer Gth Fd In	53.12	62.73	+0.11	1.80
Emr Gth Fd Acc	59.12	63.20	+0.12	1.80
Fellowship Inc	60.40	64.06⊕	+1.82	1.92
General Inc 4	250.0	264.4	+1.0	3.20
Do Acc 4	413.0	436.7	+1.7	3.20
Income Fd 3	134.1	142.3	+1.6	4.77
Do Acc 3	252.6	268.0	+2.1	4.77
Int Income 2	102.8	108.5⊕	+0.3	1.57
Do Acc 2	139.1	147.1	+0.5	1.57
Smlr Inc 5	95.94	101.7	+0.19	1.36
Do Acc	104.2	110.6	+0.2	1.20

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
177 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7216

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Shr Gt Fxd Int	51.36	52.05	+0.05	1.40

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NG Tel: 01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	31.93	34.93⊕	-0.09	2.96
Income	32.40	43.52⊕	-0.07	4.78
Far East	28.65	30.48⊕	+0.16	0.21
Nth American	25.81	28.43⊕	+0.03	0.73
Global	43.11	45.86⊕	+0.27	0.80
European	24.91	42.98⊕	+0.43	1.25
Japan	84.26	89.64	+0.58	0.01
Strategic Opp	47.36	50.63	-0.40	1.59
Do Acc	46.46	49.23	-1.21	3.16
Inc Currency	48.31	47.67	+0.07	6.00

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1DE Tel: 01-588 0808

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	380.7	412.6	+1.9	3.28
European S S	48.75	52.03	-0.01	3.12
Far East S S	51.33	54.76	-0.15	0.65
Gold Gen S S	50.63	54.03	-0.63	0.04
Income	232.2	264.5	-3.5	5.91
Intl Sp Sits	48.86	52.14	+0.22	1.97
Nth Amer	239.9	256.0	+1.6	2.23

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Investment	443.45	⊕ ..		5.00
Fixed Int	140.3	..	..	10.19
Deposit	100.0	..	..	10.00

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	417.72	● ..		5.29
Acc	£13.2958	..	..	
Deposit	100.0	..	..	10.70

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 9622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Man Retirer	22.60	23.82⊕		
SC Special Sits	65.24	69.03	+0.43	0.59

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	19.81	21.07	+0.19	0.40
Atlas Gth	21.87	23.27	+0.17	0.77
Dragon Gth	24.11	25.65	-0.39	1.63
Equity Hi Inc	54.67	57.76⊕	-0.12	5.23
Gen Equity	46.35	48.02⊕	-0.05	1.27
Gilt Fixed Int	32.03	33.63⊕	+0.01	7.72
Gth & Fixed Inc	24.15	25.35	+0.04	9.32
Intl Income Tst	22.19	23.61⊕	+0.02	5.95
Japan Gth	46.11	48.05	+0.23	0.00
Pacigne Gth	27.28	29.00	-0.05	2.52
Special Sits	32.52	34.60⊕	-0.33	2.27
Assurance ▪				
Hme In WP Rg	97.8	102.7	..	..
Hme In WP Sp	97.5	102.7	..	..

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-626 9618

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	50.71	53.95	+0.26	2.59
Do Acc	52.83	56.20	+0.27	3.56
Income Inc	52.37	55.71⊕	+0.28	5.65
Do Acc	53.31	56.72⊕	+0.28	5.65
Worldwide Inc	43.51	46.53	+0.10	0.44
Do Acc	44.14	47.21	+0.12	0.44
Gemma Inc	34.10	36.28	+0.10	0.65
Do Acc	34.25	36.44	+0.10	0.65
Euro Gth	55.17	58.69	+0.47	0.75
Far East	82.15	88.12	+0.13	0.00
Gth & Fxd Ord	43.62	46.28⊕	+0.08	8.43
World Bond	47.09	49.63⊕	+0.11	9.53
Private Inv Pf	46.62	48.40	+0.17	3.17
Profess Inv Pf	46.02	51.87	+0.45	1.10
Progress Inv Pf	49.02	51.87	+0.45	1.10

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-626 9618

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	380.7	412.6	+1.9	3.28
European S S	48.75	52.03	-0.01	3.12
Far East S S	51.33	54.76	-0.15	0.65
Gold Gen S S	50.63	54.03	-0.63	0.04
Income	232.2	264.5	-3.5	5.91
Intl Sp Sits	48.86	52.14	+0.22	1.97
Nth Amer	239.9	256.0	+1.6	2.23

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Telegraph, Surrey RH6 8RB. Tel: 07372 24000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European Gth	51.13	54.66	-0.09	1.50
Euro Spec Sits	38.82	41.47	+0.03	1.90
International	46.41	49.12	+0.15	5.20
N Amer Gth	42.92	45.55	+0.35	1.70
Pacific Gth	55.18	58.82	+0.59	2.00
UK Gth Acc	63.82	68.58⊕	+0.25	2.90
Do Dist	60.72	65.25⊕	+0.24	2.90
UK Income	54.22	58.03⊕	+0.49	5.50

EPM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090526

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Fd	59.86	63.60	+0.36	1.57
Capital Fd	124.3	132.1	..	1.51
Convertible	22.67	24.30⊕	..	7.92
Eurofund	23.31	24.71	+0.08	1.21
Growth & Inc	171.5	182.2⊕	+0.1	4.39
High Dist Fd	142.6	151.7	..	5.27
Income Fd	142.6	151.6	+0.3	1.66
Pacific Fd	24.47	26.00	-0.16	0.00
Resources Fd	21.57	22.92	-0.43	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	42.15	44.79	-0.08	0.00
Tokyo Fd	183.1	204.7⊕	+1.3	0.00
Ex Amer 2	119.6	122.9	..	1.86
Ex Japan 3	119.4	122.7	..	0.17
Ex Pacific 4	367.7	377.8⊕		0.25
Ex Smlr Jap 4	246.1	252.8		0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221351

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Balan Inc	76.56	81.65	-1.03	2.98
Do Acc	81.06	86.03	-1.09	2.83
UK Gth Acc	115.8	122.6	-1.8	2.24
UK High Inc	86.89	94.31	-0.95	4.65
N Amer Gth	82.28	87.64	-0.47	1.04
Far East Acc	114.8	122.4	+0.1	0.53
European Acc	70.02	74.69⊕	+0.49	1.36
UK Gt/Fi Inc	66.09	57.91	-0.15	8.66
Do Acc	63.57	67.25	-0.16	7.74
Intl Spec Sits	37.46	39.96⊕	+0.13	1.68

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hesmondene House Romford RM1 3JD Tel: 0708 749988

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	118.1	125.8	..	1.88

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equit Pelican	88.92	94.60	-0.05	3.91
High Income	90.85	99.53	+0.27	5.12
Managed	93.16	99.17	+0.03	1.66
Tst Of nv Trs	85.33	90.79⊕	-0.25	2.22
Spec Sits Tst	94.72	100.7⊕	-0.27	2.98
Nth Amer Tst	58.01	61.72⊕	+0.57	1.44
Far East Tst	118.8	123.2	-4.04	0.22
Intl Gth	58.57	60.19	+0.17	1.83
European Tst	40.74	43.35	+0.32	1.80

EQUITY & LAW
St. Georges Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1BD Tel: 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Acc	167.8	178.6	+0.5	3.65
Do Inc	139.2	148.1	+0.4	3.65
Higher Inc Acc	310.3	330.1	+0.5	4.87
Do Inc	234.3	249.3	+0.3	4.87
Gilts & Fxd Acc	110.4	116.0⊕	..	9.06
Do Inc	79.61	83.46⊕	-0.02	9.06
N Amer Acc	112.5	119.5	+1.9	0.07
Far East Acc	208.3	221.7	+0.5	0.25
Euro Tst Acc	133.2	141.7⊕	+0.1	0.29
Gen Tst	250.2	266.2	+1.1	3.97
Eint Except	36.28	40.05	+0.16	3.20
Sr Funds Inc	46.11	49.06⊕	-0.29	6.54
Do Acc	47.63	50.67⊕	-0.31	6.54

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
US Smlr Co	65.60	69.65	+0.47	0.62
UK Inc Fd	86.57	92.59⊕	+0.46	4.73
Far East Fd	89.47	91.42⊕	-0.28	0.00
Overseas Inc	61.24	65.50	+0.26	4.36
Fxd Interest	89.56	95.73	-0.03	10.02
Natural Res Fd	54.33	58.11	-1.10	2.10
European Inc	61.25	65.45⊕	+0.18	2.23
Financials Fd	44.69	47.69⊕	+0.21	5.27
Intl Tech Fd	96.4	103.1	+0.54	0.00
UK Gth	63.67	68.10	+0.23	2.57
US Major	48.69	49.76	+0.06	0.57

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
199, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 2132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balan Gth Acc	54.66	58.02	+0.17	1.20
Do Inc	52.05	57.07	+0.16	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	29.17	31.03	+0.07	4.60
Do Inc	27.17	28.90	+0.06	4.60
Inc Gth Acc	55.70	59.25	+0.15	3.50
Do Inc	47.72	50.77	+0.13	3.50
Spec Co Acc	68.26	70.43	+0.17	0.70
Do Inc	64.65	68.76	+0.17	0.70
Amer Gth Acc	23.32	24.81⊕	+0.19	1.20
Do Inc	28.07	24.84⊕	+0.19	1.20
Euro Gth Acc	16.02	17.04⊕	+0.04	2.00
Do Inc	15.84	16.85⊕	+0.04	2.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Rivar Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	103.8	110.0	+0.4	0.95
Amer Eqty Inc	27.99	29.67	+0.05	5.45
Amer Spec Sit	51.53	54.54	+0.45	0.74
Australia	29.18	30.74	+0.85	2.05
European	37.08	39.27	+0.27	..
European Inc	27.54	29.16⊕	+0.16	4.45
Global Conv	21.68	23.19⊕	-0.03	5.72
Far East Inc	38.03	40.29	-0.17	3.68
Gt/Fxd Interest	25.83	29.11⊕	+0.03	10.13
Growth & Inc	109.2	116.1	+0.45	5.02
Japan Spec Sit	70.01	74.42	-0.09	..
Japan	161.1	171.3	..	..
Managed Int	123.5	131.5	+0.8	0.53
Inc Plus	93.07	106.3⊕	-0.41	5.87
Pacific Basin	39.10	41.72⊕	+0.20	0.27
SE Asia	40.40	43.05⊕	-0.40	0.73
Spec Sit	256.2	274.8⊕	+1.8	0.78
Eissarn Opps	22.58	24.02	-0.18	0.00
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Do Acc	319.3	336.6⊕	-0.3	2.10
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Do Acc	125.4	134.5⊕	+1.35	2.50
Spec Sits	100.6	107.9⊕	-0.01	..
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Income Tsts				
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TECHNOLOGY

Plessey scores a world first that could become a valuable aid in disaster rescue

Infra-red breakthrough

A new infra-red camera has been developed that can work at room temperature, says Robert Matthews

The world's first room-temperature infra-red camera was announced by Plessey at the Farnborough air show last week. Because it can be produced more cheaply than existing infra-red cameras the company hopes it will become cost effective to use in a wide range of new applications.

Infra-red cameras are capable of detecting minute changes of heat and displaying them as a picture. But the cameras have until now been extremely expensive and bulky, because of the need to maintain the critical parts at their working temperature of minus 200 degrees C.

It took more than 15 years of research for Dr Stephen Porter and his team at Plessey's laboratories to find a way to make infra-red cameras work at room temperature.

Conventional cameras have to be cooled so that they can pick out individual packets of heat energy from an object and convert it into electricity.

Plessey's camera is based on entirely different "pyroelectric" technology, in which tiny cells making up the camera lens detect only changes in temperature. This eliminates the need for intense cooling.

At Farnborough, the company said it had now succeeded in building a camera with a lens consisting of 10,000 separate cells, capable of giving heat pictures showing considerable detail. Changes in temperature as low as half a degree centigrade can be detected.

The company has had to overcome many technological problems to put together the lens, said Dr Porter. These included developing soldering techniques capable of bonding together elements just one-thirtieth of a millimetre across, and building a microchip capable of coping with 10,000 separate inputs.

Plessey believes that, barring the possibility that the US Department of Defence has developed such a camera in secret, the company has scored a world first. "We certainly don't know of another one," said Dr Porter.

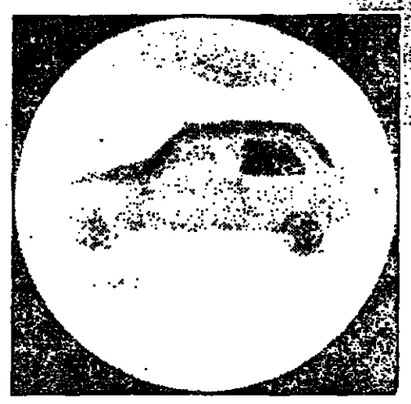
The research has been jointly funded by the Ministry of Defence and Plessey, with the collaboration of the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment at Malvern. Compact gun-sights, capable of detecting targets in pitch blackness, is a major application for the new device.

Its potential for defence is reflected by the fact that the Ministry of Defence refused permission for photographs to be taken of the new unit.

However, the company says there are far more than military uses for the camera. Infra-red cameras have often proved a valuable aid in disasters such as earthquakes, where they have been used to locate people buried beneath rubble.

Plessey believes the technology is now so simple and cheap that the cameras should be carried on ambulances and fire engines. There are also medical uses, for example in the detection of arthritis in joints, added Dr Porter.





● **Infra-red cameras, like the one above, have traditionally been both bulky and expensive. New technology which can cut the size and cost should make them available for more frequent use in providing images, like the one on the right, in conditions of poor visibility. They are also widely used in defence and security applications to provide images at night.**

PERSPECTIVE

'Blackmail' threat as the 1990s approach

By Kit Grindley

We are told there will be only one way of competing in the 1990s — through the imaginative use of the rapidly expanding information technology and electronic communications systems.

How does that sound to the chief executive, who has been successfully concentrating on the two traditional battlefields of production and selling?

To some, it sounds like sense. For today's "just in time" production methods, only the computer can set the stopwatch. Product quality is governed by the use of information technology. Almost every process benefits from computer-aided design and manufacturing.

Decision-making increasingly relies on manipulating computer-based models. More and more, effective selling means capturing suppliers, agents and customers in an information net on which they come to depend.

The very goods themselves are becoming so intimately connected to conditions, instructions and guarantees that it is becoming hard to tell whether customers buy the product or the information layer that surrounds it.

But to other board-level executives, who are being pressed to buy more computer systems — and not just by the information technology suppliers, but by their own staff as well — it sounds like blackmail.

Now that investing in information technology is about product improvement, and about capturing and defending market share, how can you measure the benefits — to the point where you can say what you should be spending?



Grindley: Take the risks

The evidence supporting blackmail contentions is strong. Most proposals to spend more on computers are still initiated by the data-processing department, not by a board. And, in the absence of a statement of benefits, one of the most popular arguments supporting the investment proposal is the "look what the competition are spending" argument.

Arguments to spend heavily, up to 4 per cent of turnover and more in some cases, just to keep up with the Joneses, clearly cannot be serious. Today, computers may be about gaining competitive edge; but the competition is not to win a spending race. Winning is making good use of these machines.

Yet those who urge increased investment sincerely believe survival depends on a raft of computer technology. In the absence of major information technology initiatives from users, and from the board, what else can your concerned technicians do but put on the pressure?

If management feels trapped by the look at the competition argument, it is not a new feeling when it comes to authorizing computer investment.

"There are three stages of management involvement in information technology", said one chief executive recently. "In stage one, you sign the cheques. Then you find the apparently unarguable justification that studies are, in fact, leading you into runaway cost escalation.

"So, in stage two, you stop signing the cheques, which stops the department putting forward justification studies. Instead, they start reciting cases where the imaginative use of computers has doubled the market share.

"This marks the beginning of stage three, when you realize you should sign some cheques and not others. But which ones should you sign?"

With information technology permeating every aspect of business, the management issues involved can no longer be left to an isolated data processing department. But cost/benefit statements give little help to the cheque signer.

Unless a computer system is no more than a cheaper replacement for an existing system, you can't measure the benefits. Maybe there aren't any — maybe a computer system is the only way to cope with today's volume and complexity of data.

Or perhaps there are truly significant benefits; but getting them involves a co-ordinated business strategy, and taking a business risk. Only those taking the risk should be listened to, when it comes to putting a figure on the pay-off.

© The author is LSE professor of systems automation and a consultant for Price Waterhouse

Competitors get together to head off IBM strategy

By Matthew May

Several of IBM's main rivals in personal computers are to announce a joint effort today to try to prevent the giant company from establishing a new standard for personal computers based on its PS/2 range.

The group, which includes Compaq, Tandy, Olivetti, Epson America and NEC, will unveil a programme to develop an alternative to the Micro Channel Architecture (MCA), which is heavily patented by IBM. The new group is expected to concentrate on developing computers compatible with the existing AT group as well as being able to incorporate the technical advantages of MCA.

Compaq has stressed its argument that the present standard for personal computers can be extended to match the performance of IBM's MCA machines.

It said: "To the degree that such extensions to the industry standard architecture will benefit from widespread industry support we have informal discussions with many other companies."

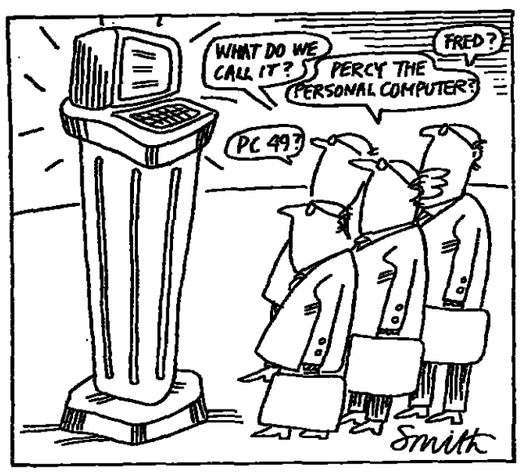
Competitors fear that if MCA becomes heavily established with customers they will increasingly be forced to follow suit to ensure their machines remain compatible with what could be a large section of the market. And because MCA is heavily patented they will have to pay a licence fee to IBM to use it.

There is also disagreement between IBM and some companies that have licensed MCA from it over whether their agreements enable them legally to make fully compatible clones of PS/2 computers.

Competitors to IBM hope they are sufficiently established to go their own way and have the advantage that, unlike IBM's new range, purchasers should not have to worry about incompatibility with existing equipment that may have to be replaced.

Depending how successful the new group is, however, the loser could well be the customer facing a difficult choice over which bandwagon to follow.

● Amstrad will announce today a new series of personal computers, the PC2000, including high-powered versions based on Intel's 286 and 386 chips, which should increase the company's appeal to business customers.



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TECHNOLOGY

Look at management as well as the spending

JOBSCENE

By Caroline Berman

If companies want to develop new computer systems more quickly, they may try to spend their way out of difficulty by buying in new methods and tools. But frequently it's not just the technology that needs an overhaul – it is also the management.

Charles Symons, consultant at Nolan Norton the management consultancy arm of Peat Marwick has worked with large oil companies, car manufacturers and banks, where hundreds of people are employed in the systems development departments but they still can't deliver the systems fast enough.

Companies have a continual need for new applications in order to improve business performance, said Mr Symons, but most information systems departments are unable to keep up with the demand for their services.

He described how poor management often affects productivity in companies: "If you're a bad project manager, it doesn't matter how good your tools are. If there are poor user relations, and the user is not clear of the details of what they want, you lose time.

"If you start projects which are too large, and they are not broken down into manageable chunks, you may simply enter down a very unproductive path, where lots of people can't be co-ordinated."

Things can also go badly wrong if there is a shortage of properly trained staff, if there is a high turnover of staff or if many are inexperienced. And, having to cope with the maintainance of old systems built with old technology can also cause hold-ups and lead to low productivity.

"Many of these old systems have a 'spaghetti' architecture – dozens of interfaces between the systems. You have to think of the effects on ten other systems before you can make any changes."

New technical solutions which are supposed to speed up productivity – include computer aided systems engineering (CASE) tools, information engineering facilities, fourth generation languages and database systems.

Over the last 20 years, the average rate of productivity improvements has actually been slowing down, according to Nolan Norton's studies of productivity data from various US sources.

In the 1960s, when people moved from assembler to Cobol, productivity went up by 8 per cent. In the 1970s, as database management systems came in, productivity improvements were 3 to 6 per cent; in the 1980s productivity rose by only 1 to 2 per cent.



Charles Symons, consultant at Norlan Nortan: "If you are a bad project manager, it does not matter how good your tools are."

'Before improving, you must measure exactly how you are doing today'

Mr Symons believes that the recent low levels of productivity increase are due to systems development groups simply maintaining existing systems, not developing new systems, and as systems get more patched they become harder to maintain.

But before you can improve, you must first be able to measure how you are doing at the moment.

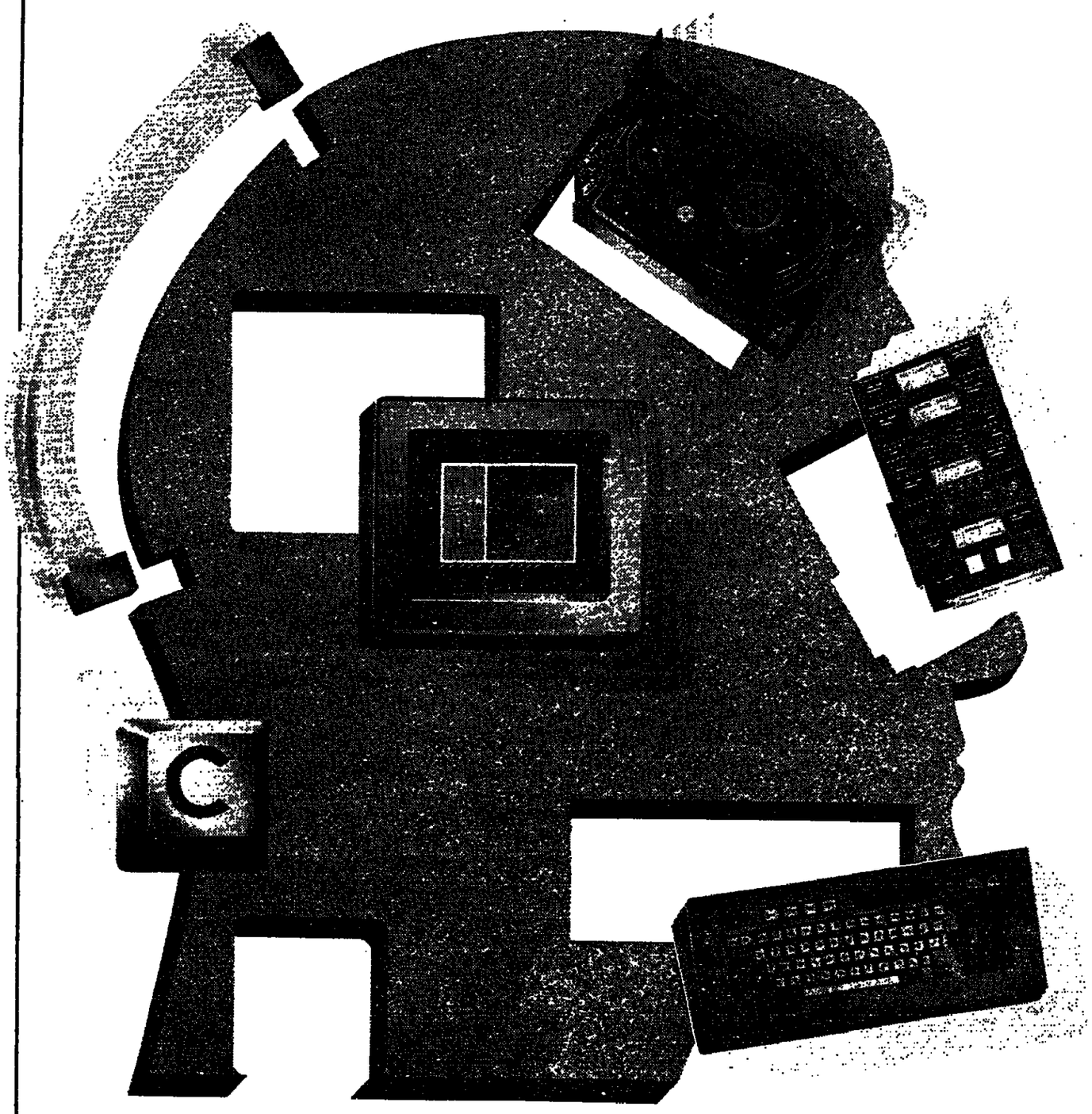
The productivity of a systems development team can be measured using what is called the Mark II function point analysis method, a system which has recently been recommended by the CCTA for use in government computing. It's a development from the function point analysis method

There is no correlation between the type of industry and the efficiency of the software development. But the correlation is more to do with the ability of the project management, the skills and experience of the staff and the user relations," said Mr Symons.

Industry figures also show that productivity varies according to the duration of the project. In one company, a project which took four years had four times lower productivity than projects which took one year. "Very long projects are bad news, they are very difficult to manage and they must be broken down", said Mr Symons.

An important finding by the Nolan Norton management consultants is that often, too long is taken over talking to users at the analysis stage of the project, but conversely, little effort is put into these talks. If things go badly at this vital stage of the project there can be bad repercussions at the test and installation stages of the project and a lot of time can be lost at this end.

If errors are caught at the earliest stage, they are relatively easy to deal with. The cost of catching an error on average at the analysis or design stage is less than £1, according to various industry figure, but if it is left until the last minute, at the implementation stage, it could cost nearer £50 to rectify.



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Changing from student to entrepreneur is not easy. There are schemes to help bridge the gap, says Joan Llewelyn Owens

Graduate gateway to enterprise

Graduate into Enterprise is an awareness programme, its objective being to stimulate entrepreneurship and interest in small businesses among students and postgraduates. It provides information about what it is like to work in small companies or how to start up one's own small business.

The scheme is organized on the basis of regional consortia of institutions in the higher education sector. The first consortium, in the North East, was established in 1985, followed in 1986 by consortia in the North West and in Yorkshire and Humberside. This year all ten Training Commission regions will have a Graduate Enterprise Programme, to help people to develop their own businesses.

Before embarking on such a programme, students and graduates have an opportunity to taste what it is like to work in a small company. For undergraduates and HND students there is Step (The Shell Technology Enterprise Programme) offering vacation work in small businesses. Initially it was aimed at engineering students, but arts students are no longer excluded. What is wanted is the ability to use common sense in an unfamiliar situation.

For graduates and postgraduates, there is the Graduate Gateway Programme. This gives an intensive training in small business management and a period of secondment to a small firm.

The first Step programme was offered in Durham. Then it was available in Lancashire, Yorkshire and Humberside, and this year schemes are running in the West Midlands, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Local Enterprise Agencies find a firm with a problem which it would like a bright student to tackle. Step students have already proved their usefulness. To take a few examples - they have set up a new product assembly line, programmed a sophisticated machine tool, identified the cause of wastage on a blow moulding line, and worked out an effective chemical cleaning system for a pie-making machine which had been lying idle because of high bacterial counts.

Students on Step are paid £75 a week, undergo a two-day induction training, followed by four weeks in work, a one-day workshop, more in-firm work, and finally a one-day review when they make a written and verbal presentation.

Graduate Gateway programmes are somewhat similar. They are available in all the Training Commission's English, Scottish and Welsh regions, and are in the main run by university, polytechnic and college business schools or management departments.

Those accepted on the scheme are expected to be able to help a small business with a growth project. Bryan Allison, director, Management Development Unit, Salford University, has said that intellectual quality was not all that important. What those on the scheme did possess was a high standard of commitment to succeed. At Salford, participants undertook an intensive two weeks course to enable them to survive in the business environment, and to make a positive contribution from the first.

"It bears more relation to an Army induction course than a business course," he said. "There is no escape from the tougher elements of life."

The second stage consists of secondment to the host firm for about 12 weeks, during which time counselling continues. Successful projects include the setting up of a network of sales agents to facilitate the export of machinery, and the creation of a new company image for a firm making ventilation equipment.

Countrywide, in any one year, up to 800 graduates are taken on and paid a training allowance. About one third are offered jobs by their host companies, and by the end of the programme there is roughly 98 per cent employment.

Though it is not a pre-requisite, some of those who have completed Step or Gateway programmes proceed to Graduate Enterprise Programmes, intended to encourage entrepreneurial skills and the setting up of small businesses.

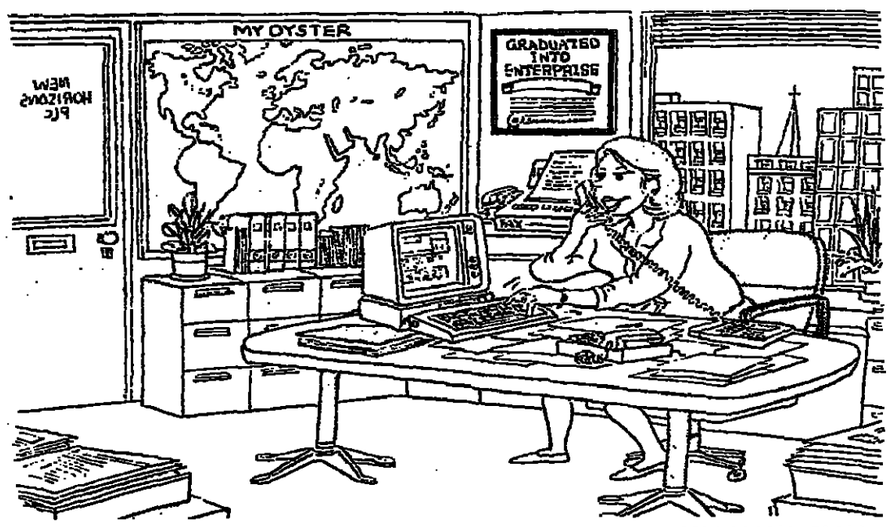
Between December and March, awareness events will be run in all degree-awarding institutions. In the Easter vacation, two-day workshops will be held at selected venues within each region. From then on, there will be selection to a four weeks residential course, during which a training allowance is payable.

The four weeks may not be in a solid block. In some cases, participants will go off for a week or so, to conduct market research and develop business ideas in the market place, and then return for tutorials. For six months after that there will be further tutorials with experienced business counsellors. Some of those on the programme, with high-tech products to produce, may be given further consultancy for up to a year. They will also receive a research budget of £500.

Both GEP and the Graduate Gateway Programme are supported by central Government, which has invited the Training Commission to launch a new initiative designed to encourage the development of qualities of enterprise among those seeking higher education qualifications.

It is hoped that higher education itself will become an enterprising culture, and that it will change the content of what if is teaching, its methods, and its evaluation of what it is seeking to do. Students should be given an opportunity to learn communication skills, be exposed to work placements, projects and simulations; and undertake more problem-solving.

Out of 85 initial bids, 20 higher education institutions were asked to prepare full proposals. In July, the following were invited to start final contract negotiations to take part in the Enterprise in Higher Education initiative: Bradford, Durham, Glasgow and Lancaster Universities; Manchester, Middlesex, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Trent, Wolverhampton Polytechnics and the Polytechnic of Wales, and Robert Gordon's Insitutue of Technology.



A HIGH RATE OF SUCCESS

The Graduate into Enterprise Programme has a high success rate. From the Durham programmes in 1986 and 1987, three random examples include Sally Ann Sunley (trading profitably in bridal wear and ball-gown hire, expanding to function organization); David Milne (prototype security device now prepared and manufacturing, and outlets being sought through local authorities), and Grant Faulkner (trading in hydraulic rams for tipper trucks, part imported from the US and part-made in the UK)

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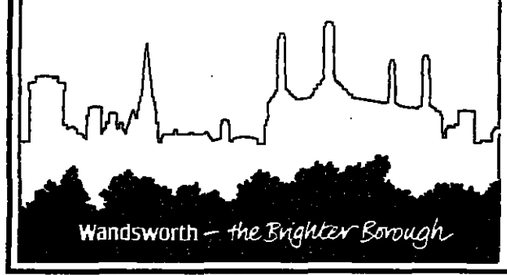
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By Edward Fennell

Fat cats want more cream

Partners complain of over-work yet seek new clients. How will they cope?



If I were in your shoes I would be feeling pretty worried. Up at the University of Aston they have decided to set up a Centre for the Study of the Profession. And I reckon that spells trouble.

Everyone knows that there is no surer sign of imminent disaster than becoming the object of academic speculation. Indeed, in announcing the foundation of the centre, the university said that it was "a response to the unprecedented challenges which professional people and their associations face today".

Are the professions really at risk? Do we all have to go round wearing little badges announcing Save A Lawyer and petitioning our MPs that Touche Ross should be granted protected status? Will there be sponsored dine-ins at leading wine bars to fund the counselling service for lawyers who cannot stand the strain? And will there be agitprop and street theatre in Puddle Dock to illustrate the bleak consequences of incorporation?

Well, to be honest, I hope so. Rarely have I seen so many fat cats masquerading as an endangered species as the medium-to-large firms of lawyers and accountants. Overloaded partners complain of being stretched to breaking point while constantly looking for more work.

Meanwhile the impending demise of the traditional partnership is deplored by the very same people who are currently concocting yet bigger and bigger mergers. As the bank balance swells so do the ulcers and heartburn. But who has the courage to say "enough is enough"?

So this is the background then to the new centre at Aston. "The old staid environment of professional work has given way to one of considerable turbulence," said Professor John Child, who went on to explain that the centre will be running courses and conferences and publishing papers and reports to examine the problems of the professions. Equally important, they hope to come up with one or two solutions.

What seems to worry most law firms is that though there is no shortage of work they need better management and more strategic thinking to deal with it properly.

Yet the more work firms do, the less time individual partners have to stand back and review the wider issues.

No longer can each partner participate fully and equally in the management of the practice. Specialization, delegation and hierarchy inevitably creep in. And that is a big step on the path to "corporatism".

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Though advice on mergers has been a major function for the past couple of years, Mr Davey and his colleagues have been trying to persuade clients to look at more fundamental issues.

Said Mr Davey: "A lack of management ability is making some firms vulnerable to the intense competitiveness of the market. Deciding where the partnership is going requires that fundamental questions be asked.

"Above all firms must decide which work is profitable and which unprofitable – and then, in most cases – we would advise them to drop the unprofitable."

Of course, deciding a strategy is one thing but implementing it is another. Because the law business depends almost entirely on the qualities of the individuals involved it is vital to have the right people and then get the best out of them. That is why Spicers is also giving advice on personnel policy.

"How is the cake split between partners?" Nigel Davey. "How do you reward the young high-flyers? And how do you get rid of the under-achievers?

"These are the kind of questions which were always avoided by the old-style partnerships but are now critical to the retention of the best people."

So can your firm bite on the bullet and tackle this?

"The transfer of authority within the firm to a new generation of management is obviously something which will require careful handling to ensure that all concerned are motivated to strive for the future prosperity of the firm," comments Spicers.

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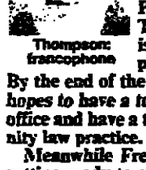
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By the end of the year McKennas hopes to have a total of five in the office and have a thriving Community law practice.

Meanwhile Frere Cholmeley is getting ready to open the doors of its latest overseas office in Milan.

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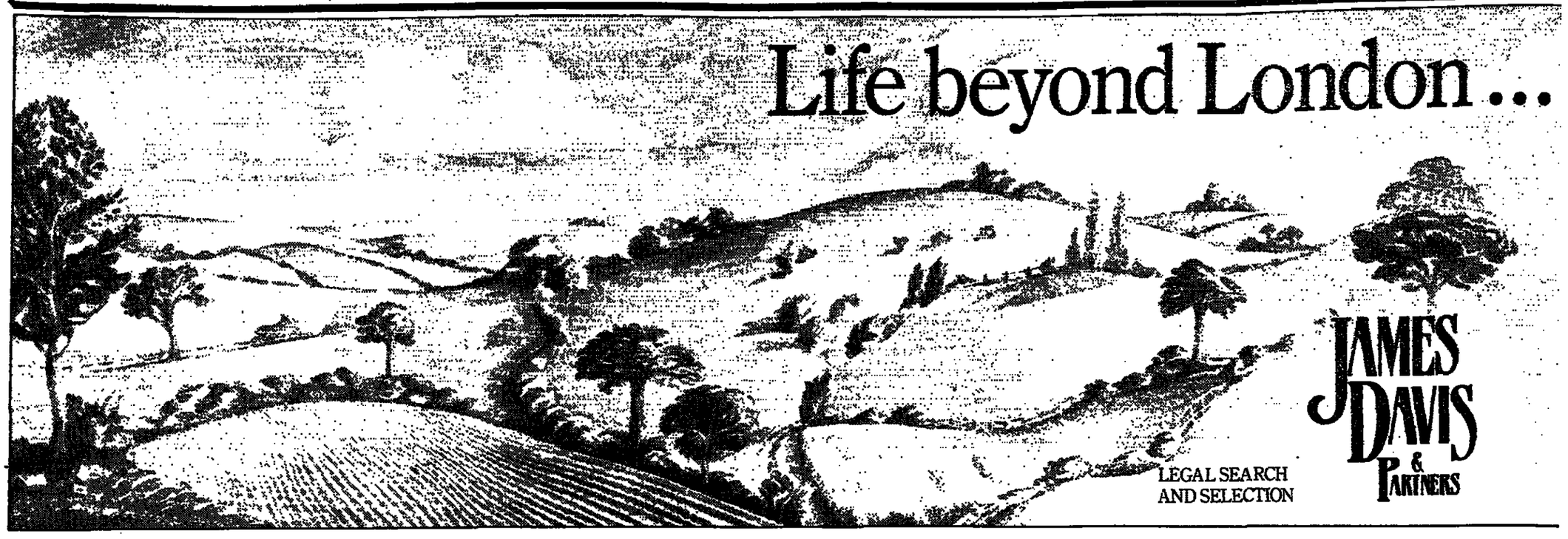
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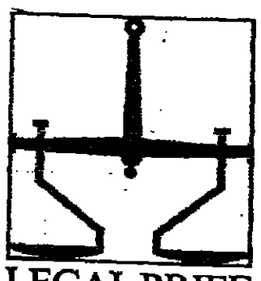
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LEGAL BRIEF

Dr Garth Hill analyses why claims against doctors are on the increase

Medical negligence and the resultant litigation and awards of damages against doctors have attracted a great deal of publicity in recent years. An award of £679,000 in 1985 to a young woman, a victim of an anaesthetic bungle, was followed less than two years later by a record £1 million damages to a 21-year-old student who suffered post-surgical brain damage.

Doctors' subscriptions to their defence societies, the organizations which indemnify them against claims arising from medical errors, have risen from £40 in 1978 to £1,080 this year and will undoubtedly continue to rise. The Medical Defence Union's statistics show that the number of claims against its members is increasing by an average of 15 per cent a year and paid claims have doubled in the last three years. So are doctors more negligent today than they were 15 or 20 years ago?

Patients need not be unduly alarmed. There is no evidence that modern doctors are wanting in medical skills. What has changed is that patients are now more ready to sue their doctor, and the legal profession is much better equipped to help them do so.

Some solicitors' firms specialize in medical litigation and even advertise to this effect, and there are now many doctors who will act as plaintiffs' experts. The organization Action for Victims of Medical Accidents gives advice to patients and solicitors, and the Law Society is exploring ways of making personal-injury litigation affordable for those who do not qualify for legal aid.

What does this add up to? Are we going so far down the American road that defence society subscriptions will be so high for certain specializations that obstetricians, for example, will stop delivering babies and surgeons' private fees will become, by necessity, exorbitant? I do not think this will happen in the near future. We are not yet a litigious society, and the absence of juries in civil courts has meant that sympathy for plaintiffs has not unduly influenced the courts' verdicts and awards of damages, as appears to have happened in the United States.

Nevertheless, there has been some evidence of the existence of what has been described in the US as a "Robin Hood" attitude: the fatuous belief that every misfortune must somehow be recompensed, that every misfortune must be laid at somebody's doorstep, and that it is appropriate to look to large institutions for recompense.

Some judges have given the impression of leaning over backwards to award damages to plaintiffs. It has been a rule of courts for many years that a plaintiff has to establish on the balance of probabilities (that is, more than a 50 per cent chance) that the alleged negligence caused the damage before he can succeed in getting compensation.

However, in the trial of Hotson v East Berkshire Health Authority, Mr Justice Simon Brown decided otherwise. The case concerned the treatment of a boy's injured hip, which was delayed by five days because of a doctor's error. The judge ruled that although on the balance of probabilities prompt treatment would not have saved the hip, there was a 25 per cent chance that it would have done so.

This was a novel concept which could not only have led to an increased number of claims but would, if allowed to stand as a precedent, have created enormous difficulties for judges in deciding by what percentage doctors had been negligent. The judgment was upheld in the Court of Appeal but reversed in the House of Lords.

An aphorism well known to orthopaedic surgeons is that bones are filled not with red marrow but with black ingratitude, and practitioners of other specialties often ruefully complain that it is not only the orthopaedic experts who are affected. Paradoxically, advances in medical technology have lead to claims that would not even have been dreamt of 20 years ago. Modern techniques of resuscitation can now save the lives of new-born babies or victims of severe accidents. Unfortunately, they may be left with brain damage, and if a doctor's error in treating them can be shown, an award of damages may exceed £500,000. Some parents of premature babies have brought claims against the doctors and nurses because in the course of what is difficult and delicate treatment, intravenous drips have run into the tissues and caused ulcerations of the hands or feet.

What of the future? Is there any way in which the rise in medical negligence litigation can be contained? The MDU and its sister societies do their best, in their regular publications, to draw doctors' attention to the common causes of error. Shortcomings and inadequate staffing in the NHS services will have to be corrected, but these are not yet identifiable as a major source of litigation.

Although the idea was rejected by the Pearson Commission in 1978, a no-fault compensation scheme could still be introduced. It seems unlikely, however, as both the Swedish and New Zealand schemes have inherent drawbacks and the British Government has shown little enthusiasm for a domestic version. Nevertheless, it is ultimately from the taxpayers' pockets that damages awards are paid, because most doctors in this country are employees of the National Health Service. A no-fault scheme would have the advantage of eliminating most of the high legal costs which accompany the present tort system, thereby making more funds available for those in need of compensation.

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TENNIS: FLUSHING MEADOW MEN'S FINAL WILL LIVE LONG IN THE MEMORY

Wilander perfects his lines

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, New York

Mats Wilander's 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 win over Ivan Lendl in the final of the United States championships earned Wilander £160,000 and established him, beyond argument, as the best player in the world.

Wilander was already champion of Australia and France. Another Swede, Stefan Edberg, won Wimbledon. At the age of 24, Wilander has equalled John McEnroe's total of seven grand slam singles titles and has surpassed Lendl's total of six.

The final lasted 4 hours and 54 minutes, which made it the longest played in 11 years at Flushing Meadow, though McEnroe and Bjorn Borg played four more games in 1980. Borg failed in 10 attempts to win the title.

This was the first time Sweden or West Germany had won either singles titles and the first time since 1973 that neither final had featured an American citizen.

The men's final was a classic that will linger in the memory. It was always close and awfully strenuous. Even Wilander, who usually had a slight edge, could exert no enduring authority. The mantle of greatness settled on the match during the crises of the fourth and fifth sets.

One might have wished for more contrast in strategy and tactics, especially during the first two sets. Both men played mostly from the baseline. There was nothing fancy: no subtlety and seldom much evidence of a willingness to take risks. They were like two actors in a long-running play. Each knew his lines thoroughly – and the other man's, too. But the tennis was always admirable and always made sense.

Wilander soon began to vary his game. In the match as a whole he went to the net almost twice as often as Lendl, whose serving was inadequate. Lendl's passing shots could not quite take the strain.

Lendl's forehands flew like bullets. Ultimately Wilander broke through by challenging Lendl to pass him with backhands down the line. But in that last game Lendl had two break points.

At first, Lendl was more adept at making chances than taking them. But he won the second set from 1-4 down (Wilander seemed to go to sleep after he had been warned for a time violation). Lendl also took the fourth set, in which Wilander was serving at 4-3 and 30-love.

In the fifth set Wilander remained the front runner but could never get away. The clash of wills was almost audible. Their stroke-play and footwork were groved, their retrieving astonishing. They played some dazzling rallies. After four hours they seemed even stronger and faster.

Wilander needed two match points, reaching both when Lendl missed the target with backhands down the line. It finished with another backhand error, a service return into the net. Lendl's heart, mind, and body could not have given more. But he was no longer No. 1.

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Eyes on the ball: A two-fisted backhander from Wilander

MOTOR RACING

Sport will profit from Ferrari's Italian job

By John Blunsden

A Ferrari victory – at Monza of all places – was just what grand prix racing needed to restore some inter-team excitement into what had become such a one-sided contest this season. But it came so close to turning sour on Sunday evening when, several hours after the Italian Grand Prix, the scrutineers measured the capacity of the fuel tank of the winner, Gerhard Berger, and recorded a figure fractionally over the permitted maximum of 150 litres.

A second measurement gave a similar result and it was only after the scrutineers had removed the tank from the car and carried out two more tests that they found that it was, after all, within limits – but only just.

McLaren-Honda's failure in the Italian Grand Prix cannot deny them the constructors' world championship, nor will it stop the drivers' title remaining a private battle between Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost. This is a contest which Senna almost certainly will win before the two of them have to leave Europe, after contesting the Portuguese and Spanish GPs during the next three weeks.

The Ferrari victory was inherited after a frustrated Senna climbed out of his car, stranded across the kerbing at the exit of the chicane, where he had come into contact with Jean-Louis Schlesser's Williams-Judd.

Even the McLaren team, though sorry that it no longer has the chance to win every race in a season, must concede that a Ferrari victory in Italy does much for the image of the sport. There was a tinge of sadness about the Italian team's success. This time, there was no need to make a telephone call about it afterwards to Enzo Ferrari back in Maranello. That was one call the "old man" would dearly have loved to take.

ICE HOCKEY

Wasps pass first test with honours

By Norman de Mesquita

Durham Wasps, despite losing several of their experienced players from last year's side, have joined Peterborough Pirates as the only unbeaten clubs with two weeks of the season completed.

In their first test against premier division opposition, away to Whitley Warriors, the Wasps, won comfortably to inflict the first defeat of the season on the Warriors.

The Pirates had to battle to beat Streatham Redskins, coming from 5-3 down at the end of the first period. The Redskins staged a far more spectacular comeback the previous evening in their home match with Telford Tigers, recovering from 6-0 behind early in the second period before emerging 11-9 winners.

The biggest winning margin in the Norwich Union Cup, was the 20-1 victory by Fife Flyers over Glasgow Eagles.

The International Ice Hockey Federation announced at the weekend that Romania will, after all, be allowed to play in Group D of the world championships in Belgium in March instead of being required to travel to Australia for Group C.

RESULTS: Norwich Union Cup: Ayr Bruins 8, Murrayfield Racers 10; Fife Flyers 20, Glasgow Eagles 1; Nottingham Panthers 8, Cleveland Bombers 0; Slough Jets 4, Solihull Barons 6; Streatham Redskins 11, Telford Tigers 9; Trafford Metros 6, Whitley Warriors 17; Murrayfield Racers 12, Fife Flyers 12; Peterborough Pirates 10, Streatham Redskins 8; Solihull Barons 6, Telford Tigers 5; Tayside Tigers 8, Ayr Bruins 7; Trafford Metros 5, Cleveland Bombers 4; Whitley Warriors 6, Durham Wasps 13. Autumn Trophy: Medway Bears 24, Lee Valley Lions 2; Sunderland Chiefs 5, Cardiff Devils 6; Deeside Dragons 6, Swindon Wildcats 12; Lee Valley Lions 9, Romford Raiders 5; Richmond Flyers 2, Medway Bears 14.

CYCLING

Curran ponders future

By Peter Bryan

Paul Curran, who flies to Seoul today as Britain's potential medal-winner in the Olympic road race, may ride as a professional next year.

After the Games, his last major event will be the defence of his national hill climb title in November.

Last weekend, the Stockton rider, aged 27, again outclassed his rivals in the 87-mile Tour of the Peak, when he attacked and rode clear on Winnats Pass, a one-in-five hill, 11 miles from the race end at Buxton.

"Yes, I am now interested in a pro career," he said. "But the offer has to be a worthwhile one. By that I don't mean in money alone. That's not everything. Equally important to me would be the management of the team and its other members."

The pressure is now off defending British all-rounder champion, Ian Cammish, after his winning 12-hour ride of 274.8 miles in the Luton Wheelers event. The distance, together with his 50 and 100-mile times, appears certain to give him victory, for the eighth time in nine years.

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FOOTBALL: HAZARDOUS BUILD-UP TO WORLD CUP MATCH IN NORWAY FOR ANDY ROXBURGH

McAllister called up as Scots run into trouble

By Roddy Forsyth

"Twenty-four hours' working with the Scotland squad puts years on to your life," Andy Roxburgh said yesterday. Nobody bothered to correct him. The national coach was entitled to his confusion as preparations for Scotland's opening World Cup qualifying tie with Norway tomorrow night began to assume a sadly familiar look.

On Sunday afternoon, the prospect of a relatively strong squad being able to travel to Oslo seemed good. Only two players, McCoist, of Rangers, and Strachan, of Manchester United, had called off because of injury. However, later that day, when the players were only a few minutes into a light training workout, Neil Simpson, of Aberdeen, confessed that a hamstring injury was giving him discomfort. He was sent home yesterday morning, although not in disgrace.

Roxburgh said: "It is forgivable because Simpson had been examined at his club on Friday and told he was clear to join us. He wanted very much to be involved in this match but he was honest enough to admit that he was very doubtful whether he could manage the match.

"For the sake of the boy and his club, we sent him straight back. He was certainly a player who might have been a lot of use to us in Norway because he puts opponents under pressure. It's just a pity his fitness didn't match his determination."

Hardly had Roxburgh absorbed that setback than he was beset by another serious worry. The imposing Rangers defender, Richard Gough, suddenly declared that he had begun to feel the effects of a groin strain which ultimately led to him, too, crying off.

Although Roxburgh had insisted on Sunday that he would not call in replacement players, he hurriedly made arrangements for Gary McAllister, of Leicester City, to fly north in time to join the departing squad.

McAllister was, in fact, originally considered for the pool for the Norway game but it was understood that he would not have recovered sufficiently from injury. However, his healing processes have been unusually effective, much to the relief of the Scottish management.

Meanwhile, there was at least good news from two other casualties. Steve Nicol is fit to play despite a bruised instep while Ian Durrant, of Rangers, has overcome what had seemed to be a serious leg injury and will take his place in midfield, an area of much concern for the Scots.



Late addition: Rocastle, the England newcomer, and Pearce engaged in the national squad's training session at Bisham Abbey yesterday (Photograph: Julian Herbert)

Knill may be called into Wales side

By Ian Ross

Terry Yorath, the manager of Wales, is ready to implement his promised policy of adventure in tomorrow night's World Cup qualifying game against the European champions, The Netherlands, in Amsterdam.

Yorath is considering naming Alan Knill, aged 23, a centre back from his own club, Swansea City, in a full international side for the first time.

Having lost through injury his first choice central defenders, Ratcliffe and Van Den Hauwe, of Everton, Yorath has few options open to him

Knill, discarded by Southampton as a youngster and signed by Swansea from Halifax Town for a mere £15,000 just over a year ago, could well partner Jackett, of Watford, at the heart of a drastically revamped defence.

Rush, the Liverpool forward, will play alongside Hughes, of Manchester United, in attack despite confessing that he is still only 80 per cent fit after suffering from chicken-pox and shingles during the summer.

● As Jack Charlton went about patching up his squad yesterday for the all-Ireland World Cup match in Belfast tomorrow, his rival, Billy Bingham, enjoyed unblemished preparation for the first time in years. "I'm hoping the Republic peaked in the Europeans, because there is always an anti-climax after a big tournament," Bingham said. "We caught Romania like that four years ago, and it could work in our favour again."

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday September 17 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

1 Arsenal v Southampton
1 Coventry v Charlton
1 Liverpool v Tottenham
X Luton v Manchester U
1 Middlesbro v Wimbledon
2 Millwall v Everton
X Newcastle v Norwich
1 Nottingham F v Derby
1 QPR v Sheffield W
X West Ham v A Villa

SECOND DIVISION

X Barnsley v Chelsea
2 Birmingham v Sunderlnd
1 Blackburn v Swindon
X Bournemouth v Leeds
X Bradford C v Oldham
1 C Palace v Shrewsbury
1 Ipswich v Watford
1 Manchester C v Brighton
1 Oxford v Leicester
1 Plymouth v Stoke
1 Portsmouth v Hull
1 WBA v Walsall

THIRD DIVISION

X Aldershot v Southend
1 Blackpool v Mansfield
2 Bolton v Bristol R
1 Bristol C v Preston
1 Fulham v Bury
X Huddersfld v Gillingham
1 Nthampton v Chesterfld
1 Port Vale v Cardiff
1 Sheffield U v Chester
1 Swansea v Brentford
1 Wigan v Reading
1 Wolves v Notts Co

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Crewe v Darlington
X Grimsby v Rotherham
1 Hartlepool v Leyton O
1 Hereford v Scarborough
1 Peterboro v Lincoln
X Rochdale v Exeter
2 York v Scunthorpe
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1 Celtic v Aberdeen
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2 Hearts v Rangers
1 St Mirren v Motherwell

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X Clydebnk v Dunfermline
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X Kilmarnock v Clyde
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FIXED ODDS: Homes: Coventry, Nottingham Forest, Bristol City, Northampton, Port Vale. Aways: Sunderland, Bristol Rovers, Scunthorpe. Draws: Bradford, Grimsby, Rochdale.

Bordeaux with a hangover

Overseas football by Keith Blackmore

Repercussions of poor performances in the midweek international competitions were felt by several European clubs when they returned to domestic duties at the weekend.

Of the four French teams taking part in European competitions, only **Bordeaux** avoided a first-leg defeat, but like the others, **Monaco, Montpellier** and **Metz**, they could manage only a draw in the French first division on Saturday. Bordeaux's scoreless match against **Olympique Marseilles** was especially disappointing.

Hoddle scored with a header for Monaco, the champions, but **Nice** quickly equalized. **Auxerre**, who beat **Lille**, 1-0, are a point clear of a **Paris Saint-Germain**, who beat **Toulouse**, at the top of the table.

The West German champions, **Werder Bremen**, perhaps still recovering from their 3-0 defeat by **Dynamo Berlin** in the European Cup on Wednesday, gave their supporters further cause for dismay by drawing with the bottom club, **Hanover 96**, after leading twice.

Bayern Munich, continuing a tendency to alternate good performances with bad, easily beat **Borussia Mönchengladbach** to return to the top of the table. Wegmann scored twice in the 3-0 win but Bayern's Pfon suffered a suspected broken jaw, following a clash with a defender, Frontzech, who was sent off.

The Nuremberg forward, Souleyman Sane, was also sent off in his team's match against **Karlsruhe**. His kick sent the Karlsruhe goalkeeper, Samulla, to hospital with a suspected fractured skull. Karlsruhe won 3-1.

Goals by Sánchez and González gave **Real Madrid**, the Spanish champions, a 2-0 lead at half-time against **Gijón**, but a poor second-half performance allowed their opponents to recover.

Athletic Bilbao, managed by Howard Kendall, share the early leadership of the first division after winning at **Atlético Madrid**. Garitano scored the decisive goal in a match watched by a crowd of 70,000.

Turner makes his return to Wednesday

Chris Turner joined his former club, Sheffield Wednesday, yesterday from Manchester United in a £175,000 deal.

Wednesday transferred the Sheffield-born goalkeeper, aged 29, to Sunderland in 1979 for £100,000. He moved to United for £275,000 three years ago.

Turner played the majority of United's games last season but the manager, Alex Ferguson, signed Jim Leighton, from Aberdeen, at the start of this season. This left Turner second choice and he recently refused a new contract after Leighton's signing.

"I am delighted with the move, particularly as it takes me back to my home town," Turner said.

He is expected to make his League debut at Queen's Park Rangers on Saturday. He made his first debut against Walsall 12 years ago.

● Terry Nicholson, the manager of Glenavon, has put his first-team squad on the transfer list following a dispute over bonuses.

● The Notts County defender, Dean Yates, has been allowed to join the England under-21 squad, despite being taken to hospital with concussion after Saturday's home defeat by Northampton.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

AUSTRIAN: Austria Klagenfurt 0, LASK Linz 2; Vorwaerts Steyer 2, Rapid 2; GAK Graz 0, Vienna 0; Austria Vienna 4, Admira/Wacker 2; St Poelten 1, FCS Tirol 3; Vienna Sportclub 1, Sturm Graz 2. Leading positions: 1, Austria Vienna, played 10, 16pts; 2, FCS Tirol, 10, 14; 3, St Poelten, 10, 14.

BELGIAN: Standard Liège 2, Racing Mechelen 1; Beveren 0, Molenbeek 1; St Truiden 1, Lokeren 0; Anderlecht 1, FC Liège 0; Machelen 3, Kortrijk 1; Antwerp 5, Charleroi 0; Lierse 0, Club Bruges 3; Waregem 1, Beerschot 2; Cercle Bruges 2, Genk 2. Leading positions: 1, Machelen, played 7, 13pts; 2, Anderlecht, 7, 12; 3, Bruges 7, 12.

BULGARIAN: Dounav 1, Vratsa 1; Sliven 2, Lokomotiv Sofia 0; Pirin 1, Beroe 2; Spartak 3, Minyor 1; Lokomotiv Gorna 2, Vitosha 1; Slavia 2, Etur 0; Trakia 4, Chemo More 1; Sredets 7, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 2. Leading positions: 1, Sredets, played 5, 9pts; 2, Chemo More, 5, 7; 3, Trakia, 5, 6.

CZECHOSLOVAK: Slavia Prague 4, Rude Hvezda 3; Inter Bratislava 1, TJ Vitkovice 0; Sparta Prague 3, Plastika Nitra 1; Banik Ostrava 1, Bohemians Prague 0; Spartak Trnava 1, Slovan Bratislava 0; Sigma Olomouc 4, Spartak Hradec Kralove 0; Skoda Pizen 2, DAC Dunajska Streda 0; Dukla Banska Bystrica 1, Dukla Prague 3. Leading positions: 1, Sparta Prague, played 8, 10pts; 2, Slavia Prague, 6, 9; 3, TJ Vitkovice, 8, 7.

FRENCH: Auxerre 1, Lille 0; Paris Saint-Germain 2, Toulouse 1; Bordeaux 0, Marseille 0; Nantes 2, Strasbourg 2; Monaco 1, Nice 1; Toulon 1, Montpellier 1; Caen 0, Sochaux 0; Metz 1, Matra Racing 1; Lens 0, Laval 2; Cannes 1, Saint-Etienne 0. Leading positions: 1, Auxerre, played 11, 23pts; 2, Paris Saint-Germain, 10, 22; 3, Marseille, 11, 20.

GREEK: PAOK Salonika 2, Larissa 1; Panionios 1, AEK Athens 0; Volos 2, Panathinaikos 1; Olympiakos 2, Apollon 0; OFI Crete 3, Heraklis 3; Levadia 2, Ethnikos 2; Doxa 0, Ans Salonika 0; Kalamaria 0, Diagoras 3.

HUNGARIAN: Szombathely 2, Ferencvaros 2; Honved Budapest 2, Videoton 1; MTK 3, Tatabanya 3; Zalaegerszeg 2, Pecs 2; Ujpesti Dozsa 1, Vasas 1; Dunaujvaros 0, Veszprem 0; VAC 3, Sofok 0; Bekescsaba 1, Raba Eto 2. Leading positions: 1, Ferencvaros, played 5, 14pts; 2, Raba Eto, 5, 12; 3, VAC, 5, 11.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Athlone Town 1, St Patrick's Athletic 1; Bohemians 0, Derry City 2; Cork City 0, Galway United 0; Dundalk 2, Shamrock Rovers 1; Limerick City 2, Waterford United 2; Shelbourne 3, Cobh Ramblers 2.

PORTUGUESE: Guimaraes 1, Porto 1; Portimonense 0, Benfica 1; Viseu 1, Belenenses 1; Sporting 3, Chaves 0; Setubal 4, Fafe 0; Amadora 4, Nacional 1; Boavista 2, Braga 0; Penafiel 2, Barra Mar 0; Espinho 2, Leixoes 0; Maritimo 2, Farense 1.

ROMANIAN: ASA Tirgu Mures 0, Victoria Bucharst 4; Steaua Bucharest 5, Otelul Galati 0; Flacara Moreni 3, Farul Constanta 0; FCM Brasov 4, SC Bacau 0; Corvinul Hunedoara 0, FC Bihor 0; Dinamo Bucharest 8, Inter Sibiu 1; FC Olt 1, FC Arges Pitesti 0; Universitatea Craiova 5, Rapid Bucharest 0; Universitatea Cluj 0, Sportul Bucharest 1. Leading positions: 1, Dinamo Bucharest, played 4, 8pts; 2, Steaua, 4, 8; 3, Sportul Studentesc, 4, 6.

SPANISH: Valencia 1, Valladolid 0; Espanol 3, Murcia 0; Malaga 2, Celta Vigo 2; FC Seville 2, Oviedo 1; Atletico Madrid 0, Athletic Bilbao 1; Cádiz 0, Logrones 1; Elche 0, Barcelona 3; Osasuna Pamplona 0, Real Zaragoza 3; Sporting Gijón 2, Real Madrid 2; Real Sociedad 2, Betis 1.

SWISS: Servette 1, Lugano 1; Neuchatel Xamax 0, Lausanne 2; Sion 2, Aarau 0; Bellinzona 1, St Gallen 1; Wettingen 0, Lucerne 0; Grasshoppers 2, Young Boys 2. Leading positions: 1, Lucerne, played 10, 14pts; 2, Grasshoppers, 10, 12; 3, Sion, 10, 12.

TURKISH: Bolsspor 0, Galatasaray 0; Karsiyaka 1, Besiktas 1; Maltepespor 1, Trabzonspor 1; Sakaryaspor 0, Antasragucu 2; Sariyer 2, Rizaspor 0; Konyaspor 3, Altay 0; Bursaspor 1, K Marasspor 1; Fenerbahce 0, Samsunspor 0; Adanaspor 2, A Demirspor 2. Leading positions: 1, Galatassray, played 4, 10pts; 2, Bolsspor 4, 10; 3, Antasragucu 4, 9.

WEST GERMAN: Bayern Munich 3, Borussia Mönchengladbach 0; Bayer Uerdingen 0, VfB Stuttgart 0; Bochum 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Cologne 1, Hamburg 2; Hanover 2, Werder Bremen 2; Nuremberg 1, Karlsruhe 3; Waldhof Mannheim 0, Borussia Dortmund 3; Stuttgart Kickers 1, Bayer Leverkusen 3; St Pauli 1, Kaiserslautern 1. Leading positions: 1, Bayern Munich, played 6, 10pts; 2, Bayer Uerdingen, 7, 10; 3, VfB Stuttgart, 6, 9.

YUGOSLAV: Sloboda Tuzla 2, Velez Mostar 4; Rijeka 3, Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 0; Spartak Subotica 1, Red Star Belgrade 0; Vojvodina Novi Sad 2, Buducnost Titograd 0; Hajduk Split 4, Dinamo Zagreb 1; Radnicki Nis 0, Rad Belgrade 0 (Rad won 3-2 on pens); Celik Zenica 1, Vardar Skopje 1 (Celik won 5-3 on pens); Partizan Belgrade 1, Osijek 1 (Osijek won 6-4 on pens); Sarajevo 1, Napredak Krusevac 1 (Sarajevo won 5-3 on pens). Leading positions: 1, Rad, played 6, 9pts; 2, Velez 6, 8; 3, Hajduk 6, 8.

BASKETBALL

Credibility depends on off-court performance

By Nicholas Harling

Imagine Liverpool winning the Football League ... again ... and then uprooting to, say, Blackburn, only to disappear before they get there.

Such an event would not be allowed to happen. But it has in basketball with the expiry not only of Portsmouth, the Carlsberg League champions, before they could move to Reading, but also one of the clubs who ran them closest last season, Calderdale Explorers.

Two more clubs have changed identity. Bolton have moved to Manchester, to become Olympic City Giants, and Kingston have switched to Glasgow to form Linpride Rangers. It is not difficult to understand why basketball in Britain faces its most serious test over the new season which begins in earnest this week. It will be a test, not so much of ability on court, as credibility off it.

The events during the summer have made the sport a laughing stock, belittling all the good done for its image by the gallant endeavours of the British team in the Olympic qualifying tournament.

Money, as always, or lack of it, as in Portsmouth's case, has determined the destinies of the clubs. No major sponsor or benefactor stepped forward for Portsmouth once ill-health forced John Deacon to call it a day as the chairman of both his club and the Carlsberg League.

The case of Calderdale is even more bizarre. The well-supported Yorkshire club fell apart once they lost their player/coach and general manager, Gary Johnson, to Leicester.

The only notes of sanity have been provided by Birmingham Bullets and Worthing, even if both clubs could be accused of being cautious in the extreme.

Birmingham, of their own accord, have dropped out of the Carlsberg League into the first division, where they hope to lay the financial foundations for a successful return; Worthing, though entitled to automatic promotion as first division champions, declined a return to the top sphere because they felt they were not ready on or off court.

Consequently the Carlsberg League will have only 12 clubs this season, three fewer than last time. But better that, believes Bernie Gallacher, the Birmingham chairman, than commit financial suicide like some of his contempories. "I don't blame the players for asking for huge amounts of money," Gallacher says. "It's a short career. It's up to them to make what they can out of it. The people I blame are the chairmen for giving in to them."

A case in point is Colin Irish, who was brought to Portsmouth by Deacon reputedly as the highest paid player in the country. No one can dispute the immediate benefits — two successive league titles — but the long-term effects were ruinous.

If there were saviours, they were doubtless dissuaded by having to meet Irish's salary and those of the highly regarded Alan Cunningham and coach, Dan Lloyd, to mention a few. Lloyd would also have needed to replace at least one of last season's Americans with a player of sufficient calibre to keep the club at the top.

Trips to the Continent to compete in the European Cup would have meant further budgeting. Irish has since signed for Manchester Eagles (formerly United), but Lloyd is still out of work.

"It's very disappointing to be involved with a team that wins the league twice running and and then is not even in existence," he says. "It doesn't reflect very well on English basketball."

Kingston's move to Scotland reflects even less well on the game. The cup-winning team that was within a handful of points of becoming the first British club to reach a European semi-final chose an appalling way of rewarding those supporters who had increased their attendances over a season when crowds, on average, dropped by 18 per cent.

Nor can the basketball-supporting populace of Glasgow be very happy with the the subsequent decision to play home matches in Falkirk, some 30 miles away. At least Linpride Rangers, as they are now known, began the season with a win by 25 points

Other victories over the weekend were those of Sunderland, bailed out on Friday by a local businessman, Russell Foster, and the newly formed Olympic City Giants.

Crystal Palace and Oldham, the respective losers, are expected to struggle again but will hopefully live to tell the tale.

BASKETBALL'S SUMMER CHANGES

Folded
Portsmouth, Calderdale Explorers.

Change of Identity
Bolton to Olympic City Giants (Manchester); Kingston to Linpride Rangers (Falkirk).

Transfers
Bracknell Tigers: In: D Roberts (formerly Brunel, from Australia), P James (Leicester). Out: K Kumar.
Crystal Palace: In: D Reshaw (from Tower Hamlets), S Ryan. Out: I Dukan (San Moreno), R Lawrence.
BPCC Derby: In: R Kunselman (back from United States), C Sinclair (formerly Calderdale, from United States), J Smith (Plymouth), S Jones. Out: C Shrabascz, A Padmore (to United States).
Hemel/Watford Royals: In: S Tucker (coach from United States), P Richards (formerly Doncaster and Kingston from United States), J McGill, L Duncan (both from United States). Out: J Moxey (coach to Linpride Rangers as General Manager), D Thomas, V Carr (both to United States).
Leicester City Riders: In: G Johnson (coach, from Calderdale), M Young (United States from Argentina), M Spad (from Portsmouth), D Donaldson (formerly Birmingham), R Pitts (from Aberdare). Out: C Vaughan, B Young (both to United States), P James (Bracknell), J Jenkins (Worthing).
Linpride Rangers: In: A Cunningham (Portsmouth), B Hays (formerly Birmingham), T Mangham (Birmingham), J Morrison. Out: S Bontrager (to United States), P Stimpson (to Solent). Undecided: M Clark, C McNish.
Mill Livingston: In: I Gordon (formerly assistant coach as coach), J Fogerty (from Manchester Eagles). Out: J Gardner (United States coach, retired).
Manchester Eagles: In: J Jones (formerly a player as coach), R Blake (as assistant coach from Olympic City), C Irish (from Portsmouth), W Brown (after year's rest); C Xavier, D Harris (both Calderdale), M Henderson (from United States). Out: J Whelton (coach to Fnebourg), A Byrd, C Bromwell (both to United States), J Fogerty (to Mill).
Oldham Celtics: In: A Hansen (United States from Glenavon Hotels), J Reynolds (British Colombia), K Marsh (local).
Olympic City Giants: In: J Brehmner (coach from United States), J Brandon (from Calderdale), K Scott (from Kingston), S Nelson (from Portsmouth). Out: R Blake (Coach to Manchester Eagles as assistant), C Woods.
Solent Stars: In: P Stimpson (Kingston), A Canino (from United States). Out: A Okoroducu.
Sunderland 76ers: In: C Lynch (formerly player, as coach), J Smith (United States from Budweiser Cork). Out: D Elderton (coach), G McCray (Teesside).

RACING RESULTS

Wolverhampton

Going: good to firm

2.30 (5f) 1, **PORT ST MARY** (Pat Eddery, 6-4 fav), 2, **Desmesrette** (M Roberts, 5-1), 3, **Past Midnight** (W R Swinburn, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 12 Mariola's Pet (4th), 16 River Mill, 25 Berkley Express, 33 Always Treasure, Dunnington Lass, Is It True, Just Fun (6th), Needwood Sprite, Seconds, Welsh Flute, Wensley Rose (5th), Windy Bay. 15 ran. Hd, 2½l, 3l, 2l, sh hd. G Hills at Manton. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £1.50, £1.30. DF: £2.10. CSF: £8.55.

3.0 (1m 6f 110yd) 1, **DESERT PALM** (P Cook, 17-2); 2, **Kathy Cook** (A Culhane, 12-1); 3, **Vegog** (G Carter, 95-40 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Gerunay (4th), 11-2 Llardia, 6 Gentle Danus (5th), 7 Falside, 14 Danum Lad, 40 Crystal Ball (6th), Odiaxare. 10 ran. NR: Sunset Express. 4l, ½l, 10l, hd, 7l. N Vigors at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £9.20; £2.50, £6.50, £1.10. DF: £45.30. CSF: £93.47. Sold to R Hodges for 6,000gns.

3.30 (2m 1f) 1, **MAJESTICIAN** (Pat Eddery, 9-4 fav); 2, **Penny Forum** (M Roberts, 11-4); 3, **Camilla's Girl** (W Carson, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Fame And Glory, 8 Bluff Cove (5th), 20 Ruling Dynasty, Lie in Wait, Ocean Hound (6th), Joli Wasfi, Capa (4th). 10 ran. 2l, 3l, 1½l, 2l, 2l. G Pritchard-Gordon at Newmarket. Tote: £3.90; £1.50, £1.10. DF: £2.00. CSF: £8.40. Tricast: £31.00.

4.0 (1m 4f) 1, **JIM BRIDGER** (M Marshall, 7-2 fav); 2, **Willie-Rua** (Alison Harper, 14-1); 3, **Best Foot Forward** (A Riding, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Gamra Try (6th), 15-2 Sundaysport Splash, 8 Northgate Dancer (4th), 10 Cot Lane, 14 Edged Weapon, 16 Puno (pu), 33 Blue Aria (5th), Enchanting Kate, 50 Ben Zabeedy, Diggers Dream, Dancing Warrior. 14 ran. NK, 7l, 6l, 2l, sh hd. W Wilson at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50; £2.00, £5.80, £2.00. DF: £40.90. CSF: £45.55.

4.30 (1m) 1, **IVORY TOWER** (W R Swinburn, 25-1); 2, **A Lyph** (R Cochrane, 2-1 fav); 3, **Whistle The Wind** (M Roberts, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Nice Thought, 4 Heavenly Note (4th), 7 Halholah, 33 Far Oasis (6th), Miss Paldonna (5th), 66 Nicola Nicholas, Tandlena. Fonstel. 11 ran. 3l, 4l, ¾l, 2½l, 1l. W Hastings-Bass at Newmarket. Tote: £16.60; £2.40, £1.40, £2.40. DF: £38.20. CSF: £69.91.

5.0 (1m 1f) 1, **LIGHT ROMANCE** (W Ryan, 10-1); 2, **Semarilla** (M Roberts, 20-1); 3, **Fly The Wind** (R Fox, 25-1); 4, **Select** (Pat Eddery, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Dominion Pearl, 9 Final Flutter, 10 Tudor Pilgrim, 12 Vinton Va, 16 Our Rowena (5th), Gorgona, 20 Seleucia, Miss Ballyfea, 25 Given Thought, 33 Snow Rhapsody, Peaconpals (6th), Trelissick, Smack On Target, Ring Me Back. 18 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 3l, 2l, ½l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £13.10; £2.10, £4.00, £3.20, £2.50. DF: £479.90. CSF: £171.84. Tricast: £4,291.10.

5.30 (5f) 1, **Kimbolton Katie** (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 2, **Valdermosa** (Events fav); 3, **Blaiscadeau** (7-1), 11 ran. NR: Barter, Samson-Agonistes. 3l, 1½l. J Payne. Tote: £5.30; £2.00, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £3.70. CSF: £10.05. Tricast: £29.77.

Placepot: £98.00

Hamilton Park

Going: soft (heavy last furlong).

2.15 (1m 1f) 1, **MOTTRAM'S GOLD** (A Munro, 14-1); 2, **Locality** (G Duffield, 10-1); 3, **Pacific Gell** (M Hills, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Sunset Reins Free, 9-2 Firelight Fiesta (5th), 5 Sweet City (6th), 14-1 Vaitaki, 8 Final Sound, 20 You're In My Way, Pichon, Geega (4th). 11 ran. ½l, ½l, 1½l. 1½l, ½l M Britain at Warthill. Tote: £20.10; £3.50, £2.30, £2.90. DF: £533.90. CSF: £140.10. Tricast: £788.12.

2.45 (1m 40yd) 1, **FESTIVE FLING** (P Dalton, 9-1); 2, **English Mint** (M Hills, 5-4 fav); 3, **Footstool** (S Raymond, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Gloss (5th), 10 Attita The Honey, 14 Young Commander, Blaze Of Gold (6th), 16 Miss Semen, 25 Mums No Angel, 33 Wisecourse (4th), 50 Brianstan Clare, Little Picksie. 12 ran. 2½l, 1½l, 1l, 2l, 1l. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £10.20; £3.20, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £7.20. CSF: £19.86.

3.15 (1m 40yd) 1, **MACHO MAN** (S Raymond, 11-2); 2, **Queens Tour** (M Wigham, 7-1); 3, **Silver's Girl** (J Carroll, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Tuxedo, 13-2 The Right Time, Elegant Stranger (5th), 10 Special Reserve, 12 Maimunster (4th), 14 Bahrain Bridge, 16 Infinite Capacity, Lets Go Allegro, 20 Ivordoil (6th), 20 La Festa, 33 What A Snip, 100 Chief Hotloot, Ancient Dancing Desire. 17 ran. Sh hd, 6l, 3l, 3l, sh hd. S Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £5.30; £2.40, £2.30, £18.20. DF: £29.50. CSF: £44.39.

3.45 (6f) 1, **B GRADE** (M Fry, 8-1); 2, **Tempt Providence** (L Charnock, 33-1); 3, **Chalkheu** (G Duffield, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Donovan Rose (4th), 6 Eastern Melody (5th), 8 Kings Quest, 9 Henry's Wolfe, 11 Opalino, 12 Eastern Evening, Happy Cavalier, 16 Batchworth Heath, 20 Vagara (6th), Decoy Express, 33 Cherry Chap, Eye Bee Aitch. 15 ran. 1½l, 2l, 1½l, 1½l, 3l. J Balding at Bawtry. Tote: £5.40; £1.70, £8.00, £3.80. DF: £74.60. CSF: £207.16. Tricast: £5,547.63.

4.15 (6f) 1, **BURN BRIDGE** (M Hills, 6-1); 2, **Skalig** (S Morris, 5-1), 3, **Free Minx** (N Day, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Cluzo, 5 Grey Fellow, 10 Work On Air, 12 West Woodlands (6th), 14 Southerid Scallywag, Belfort Gipsy (4th), 25 Gott's Desire (5th), 33 Fiesole, 100 Bowmont Sweetie. Firm Policy. 13 ran. 4l, 2l, sh hd, 1l, 2l. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £7.90; £2.80, £1.30, £2.30. DF: £22.30. CSF: £37.69.

4.45 (5f) 1, **MCA LUCKY STAR** (L Charnock, 13-8 fav; **Private Handicapper's top rating**), 2, **Xaki Xaki** (T Williams, 15-2); 3, **Grand Ball** (G Duffield, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Miss Rosette (6th), 9 SPS Creative (4th), City Code (5th), 12 Agapae. 7 ran. 2l, 3l, 1¼l, 3l, ¾l. W Pearce at Hambleton. Tote: £2.60; £1.30, £2.40. DF: £8.30. CSF: £13.09. *After a stewards' inquiry the result stood.*

5.15 (1m 4f) 1, **MILS MILL** (J Carroll, 10-1); 2, **Campsie Spring** (B Raymond, 10-1); 3, **Dynamic Star** (L Dettori, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Marshalstonewood (4th), *5 Saturn Moon, 13-2 Samia Sound (5th)*, 7 Paris Mode, 8 Future Gamble, 25 Photinia (6th), Orchestrion. 10 ran. 3l, 10l, 2½l, 5l, 5l. J O'Neill at Penrith. Tote: £17.20; £3.20, £2.70, £2.00. DF: £154.70. CSF: £94.15. Tricast: £673.04.

Placepot: £1,255.70

Southwell

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 74yd chl) 1, **Sahail** (K Burke, 14-1); 2, **Stormguard** (16-1); 3, **Helen Boy** (66-1). 9 ran. Sh, 2½l, J White. Tote: £16.40; £2.30, £1.30, £4.80. DF: £58.50. CSF: £179.00.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, **Pearl Fisher** (M Dwyer, 11-10 fav); 2, **Joey Black** (14-1); 3, **Who's Zooming Who** (9-2). 11 ran. NR: Red Bolt. 6l, 2½l. J J O'Neill. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £3.80, £1.90. DF: £17.60. CSF: £17.72. Tricast: £53.08.

3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **Speckyfoureyes** (J McLaughlin, 2-1); 2, **Wellknown Character** (7-1); 3, **First Citizen** (11-1). Bustamente 6-4 fav. 14 ran. NR: Red Procession. ½l, 7l. J Pearce. Tote: £3.60; £1.70, £2.10, £2.10. DF: £8.10. CSF: £15.82.

3.45 (2m 74yd ch) 1, **Corked** (Mr P Harding-Jones, 7-2); 2, **Clickham Lad** (25-1); 3, **Broad Beam** (9-2). Tarpromise 3-1 fav. 11 ran. 2l, ½l. Mrs E Heath. Tote: £4.30; £1.40, £3.50, £1.90. DF: £48.40. CSF: £78.54. Tricast: £378.35.

4.15 (3m 110yd ch) 1, **Double Tara** (Mr P Harding-Jones, 100-30); 2, **Rimfire** (20-1); 3, **Tar Knight** (2-1). Warner's End 7-4 fav. 5 ran. 12l, 6l. Mrs E Heath. Tote: £4.40; £1.70, £3.10. DF: £14.70. CSF: £36.57.

4.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **J J Jimmy** (D Byrne, 5-4 fav); 2, **Sharp King** (12-1); 3, **Johnny Sharp** (13-8). 8 ran. NR: The Late Man, Patchouli's Pet. 3l, hd. D Eddy. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £2.30, £1.10. DF: £17.40. CSF: £16.17. Tricast: £24.61.

Placepot: £764.90

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DEGREE COURSE VACANCY SERVICE

Today, The Times publishes a list of vacancies remaining in British Universities and Polytechnics for degree courses in Humanities and Social Sciences. The lists are compiled by The Times Network Systems Limited, in conjunction with Midland Bank, from information supplied by the Universities' Central Council on Admissions (UCCA) and the Polytechnics Central Admissions Systems (PCAS). The database information on all courses is updated every 24 hours. For the university vacancies the figures in brackets indicate the course code used by UCCA and will help students now in the Clearing system to determine whether the course is similar to their original choice. The number in brackets next to the university name indicates the A level score required for that course before an applicant can be considered, counting 5 points for an 'A' grade, 4 points for a 'B' grade etc. Some of the polytechnics may offer several courses with different codes all appearing under a particular course title. These courses are modular and will include study in a variety of subjects, one of which is in the title.

Applicants should consult their PCAS and UCCA handbooks for more information about the courses offered.

TTNS provides full lists of all degree course vacancies, available to the 5,500 educational establishments, including 70 local authority careers offices who subscribe to the TTNS database. The data can be accessed by typing 'Clearing' at the system prompt.

The information is also available on ECCTIS and Prestel, or by calling 0272-217721 for Polytechnic vacancies or 0272-217244 for University vacancies.

Agricultural Economics and Management (L130): Belfast (9).
Applied Sociology (4yr) (L310): Surrey (10).
Social Science and Administration (L450): London, Goldsmith's (7).
Social Science and Admin (With Nursing Training) (L452): London, Goldsmith's (7).
Human Psychology (L720): Aston (12).
Human Psychology (L721): Aston (12).
Physics/Psychology (4yr) (LF73): Keele (8).
Business Economics and Computer Science (LG15): Liverpool (10).
Regional Analysis and Development Honours (LL18): Ulster (6).
Regional Analysis and Development Ordinary Degree (LL81): Ulster (5).
Geography/Psychology (4yr) (LL87): Keele (9).
Applied Economics and Accounting (LN14): Ulster (6).
History and Sociology (LV31): London, Goldsmith's (6).
Peace Studies (4 years) (M930): Ulster (6).
Society & Government - Business Administration (MN11): Aston (12).
French - Society & Government (MR11): Aston (11).
Society & Government - German (MR12): Aston (11).
Irish History, Politics & Society (V147): Ulster (6).
Jewish History (4 years) (V148): University College (6).
Archaeology (V600): Belfast (6).
Archaeology (V602): Cardiff (7).
Archaeological Conservation (V680): Cardiff (7).
Early Hominid Studies (V681): Liverpool (7).
Science/Based Archaeology (V6F8): Liverpool (7).
Dentistry (BD) (V800): Aberdeen (6); Belfast (8); Glasgow (8); London, Heythrop (7).
Theology (BTheol) (V802): Aberdeen (6).
Biblical Studies (V820): London, Heythrop (12).
Licence in Theology (V880): Aberdeen (6).
Philosophy/Physics (4yr) (VF73): Keele (6).
Geography/History (4yr) (VL18): Keele (8).
German and History of Art (4yr) (VR42): London, Westfield (7).
Spanish and History of Art (4yr) (VR44): London, Westfield (7).
German/Russian or Russian Studies and Philosophy (VT7Y): Keele (8).
Philosophy and Theology (VV78): London, Heythrop (7).
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RACING: CUMANI SET FOR YARMOUTH DOUBLE

Talented Falco has fine opportunity to advance Cambridgeshire claims

By Mandarin

Luca Cumani, highly satisfied with Kahyasi's comeback at Longchamp on Sunday after injury, looks the trainer to follow at Yarmouth today when the talented Italian can saddle a double with Falco (3.45) and Momtaaz (4.15).

Falco, who reappears in the Brian Taylor Memorial Stakes, holds a prominent position in bookmakers' ante-post lists for the Cambridgeshire at Newmarket on October 1.

Cumani has already won this competitive nine-furlong handicap, traditionally the first leg of the autumn double, with Century City in 1982 and the gambled-on Dallas two seasons ago, so he knows what is required to land the spoils.

However, Falco, a lightly-raced son of Habitat, is difficult to evaluate after just three appearances. After showing promise behind stable companion Polar Gap at Newmarket, this well-built colt duly lost his maiden certificate in a modest Ripon event.

But it came as quite a disappointment for the Bedford Lodge team when Falco trailed in fourth of six runners behind Dowager Empress (who won recently at Haydock) at Wolverhampton last month.

Falco took a keen hold that day and after leading for six furlongs faded away rather tamely. Provided he can settle better today, Falco should have too much pace for Robert Sangster's Goodwood winner Timely.

Momtaaz made an encouraging debut when a close-up third behind Headquarters at the last Yarmouth meeting and this chestnut Diesis colt is napped to open his account in the one-mile Beccles Maiden Stakes.

There was plenty of support for Ben Hanbury's Ibn Naas when he made his first public appearance, at Chester last month. He clearly had shown ability on the home gallops and there are good reports of the Aga Khan's newcomer Afriyd. But I am content to rely on Momtaaz.

Maureen Piggott has a sporting chance of saddling her first winner since taking over the training licence from her injured mother, Susan, has, apparently, been showing plenty of promise in his homework on the Pulborough gallops and may be up to beating Neil Graham's representative, Mytaski, at the first time of asking.



Maureen Piggott: winning prospects with Suhail Dancer

The first division of this event may also go to another debutant, Finest Kind, from Henry Cecil's stable. Warren Place has done particularly well with its juveniles this term, and Finest Kind has been catching the eye recently on Newmarket Heath.

John Dunlop has had a frustrating term with Duchess Best. Third in the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot and runner-up in two subsequent efforts, she is proving costly to follow.

However, with her maiden allowance, she receives a hefty 17lb concession from her principal rival, Knight Line Dancer, in the Lambert & Foster Graduation Stakes, and this may allow her to register an overdue success.

Harwood could also be on the mark at Redcar where Rouge Clover can collect his first victory in the Saltburn Stakes, and Tawny, despite having had a busy campaign, looks on a handy mark for the Dave Mchale Nursery.

Maurice Camacho's Careless Kiss showed signs of returning to her useful form of last year by finishing a good fourth behind Governor's Harbour at Thirsk earlier this month. She may have the edge over Jimmy Fitzgerald's course and distance Greek Flutter in the Leslie Petch Memorial Handicap.

Indian Rose in demand

Ladbrokes report a flood of money for the Prix Vermeille winner Indian Rose in the Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe, at Longchamp on October 2. She has been cut from 10-1 to 7-1 after being laid to lose over £100,000 yesterday. They make Mtoto 2-1 favourite with Kahyasi 4-1.

City Index, who offer 6-4 on a British victory, go 9-4 Mtoto, 4-1 Kahyasi, 8-1 Indian Rose (from 12-1), while Fijar Tango, who beat Kahyasi a neck in the Prix Niel, remains at 14-1.

With Master Pokey and Ajanac absentees, the sponsors make Gleacroft 5-1 favourite for the Ladbrokes Ayr Gold Cup on Friday. Other prices: 7-1 Golden Ancona, 14-1 Chaplins Club, Dorking Lad, Powder Blue, 16-1 Duck Flight, Premier Lad, 20-1 bar.

Mary Linoa best

Mary Linoa (Alain Lequeux), an unlucky third in the Prix du Calvados last time out, is preferred to two British raiders, Gold Flair, trained by Paul Cole, successful with Beeshi here on Sunday, and the William Hastings-Bass hope, Miss Garuda, in the group three Prix d'Aumale over one mile at Longchamp today.

REDCAR

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Desert Emperor. 2.30 Cool Enough. 3.0 Careless Kiss. 3.30 Moon Reef. 4.0 Tawny. 4.30 *Rouge Clover.*

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Raintree Tonic. 2.30 Appellant. 3.0 Jay Gee Ell. 3.30 *Les Mains Douces.* 4.30 *Discreet Charm.*

Michael Seely's selection: 4.0 Tawny.

Marten Julian's (Sunday Times) revised nap

3.0 OH DANNY BOY.

Going: firm Draw: 5f-1m high numbers best

2.0 RUNSWICK BAY CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,587: 1m 2f) (18 runners)

3	1250		HOGAN'S RUN 10 (C,F,G) C Tinkler 9-0	M Birch	18
7	1000		WINTER STORM 8 (G) J Etherington 9-0	D Nicholls	9
8	0105		BASIRAH 28 (D,F) D Morley 8-11	S Perks	11
9	000		MICHELLE ROYALE 15 J Etherington 8-11	K Darley	4
11	3330		T CATTY 8 N Tinkler 8-11	Julie Bowker (5)	10
12	0013		DESERT EMPEROR 24 (F) *N Tinkler 8-10*	*Kim Tinkler*	12
15	4150		FORBES SPIRIT 8 (D,G) S Norton 8-7	J Quinn (5)	7
16	2460		MADAM TAYLOR 15 (B,F) H Collingridge 8-7		
				M Rimmer	15
17	60-3		BAINTREE TONIC 55 E Eldin 8-7	A Mackay	8
18	0125		AFRICAN AFFAIR 19 (C,F) R Whitaker 8-6		
				Dean McKeown	6
27	0004		NAUGHTS N' CROSSES 32 J H Wilson 8-3	K Fallon (5)	17
29	3600		HEARD IT BEFORE 10 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 8-2		
				A Culhane (3)	14
31	0990		ROBIN THE RICH 10 M Ellerby 8-2	J Carr (5)	13
32	0-00		SAMBELARO 139 R Whitaker 8-2	K Bradshaw	5
38	0-00		MINIZENSPRINTER 113 M Britain 8-0	A Munro (5)	18
39			SPARKLING DANCER J Wainwright 7-12	S Morris	3
40	0-00		KEEP MUM 69 G Kelly 7-7	C Campbell (7)	2
41	0-00		MAD MILLY 49 Mrs G Reveley 7-7	J Lowe	1

3-1 Hogan's Run, 4-1 Raintree Tonic, 5-1 Basirah, 6-1 Desert Emperor, 8-1 African Affair, 10-1 others.

2.30 YORKSHIRE TELEVISION HANDICAP (£3,228: 7f) (30)

1	6060		TENOFUS 45 (D,F,G) D Chapman 3-9-10	S Webster	17
8	4666		*KNIGHTS SECRET 15 (B,C,D,F,G,S)* M H Easterby		
				7-9-1	M Birch 29
10	4000		GLOW AGAIN 7 (F,S) J Etherington 4-8-13	M Wood	28
11	4-06		TWILIGHT FALLS 126 M Camacho 3-8-13		
				N Connorton	11
12	6064		APPELLANT 11 (B) *C Brittain 3-8-13*	G Idle	3
13	0040		MAJOR DON 17 (D,F) E Weymes 8-8-12	J Carroll	1
14	1239		DEPUTY TIM 32 (C,D,F,G,S) R Bastiman 5-8-11		
				K Bradshaw	4
16	8-83		LEACROFT 20 W Haigh 4-8-11	Dale Gibson (5)	9
17	3160		GENTILESCHI 12 (F,G,S) G Oldroyd 8-8-10	P Burke (5)	19
18	3640		SHARLIE'S WIMPY 35 (D,F,G) W Pearce 9-8-9		
				G Widger (7)	13
20	0060		BELLEFIRE 40 (F) *Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-9*	K Fallon (5)	2
23	0-00		BLEU CELESTE 19 (D,F) M Britain 4-8-8	M Wigham	25
28	1233		COOL ENOUGH 17 (D,BF,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 7-8-6		
				M Fry	27
31	4000		BAKER'S LAMB 7 (F) B Richmond 3-8-6	D Nicholls	5
32	4486		FLUTTERISS PARK 39 (C,F) R Whitaker 4-8-4		
				Dean McKeown	22
33	0600		SECURITY PACIFIC 36 (F) M Britain 5-8-4	J Lowe	15
34	050		EMERALD ROYALE 69 R O'Leary 4-8-4		21
35	0606		GOTHIC FORD 34 (S) C Tinkler 4-8-4	G Hind (5)	8
36	1200		TARISTEAC 40 (G,S) S Bowring 8-8-4	L Charnock	20
39	315		LUCY'S MELODY 17 (F) W Pearce 4-8-3	N Carlisle	14
40	3300		ROYAL ACCLAIM 18 (V,D,F) A Hide 3-8-3	N Carlisle	16
41	097		BELLA SOFIE 17 (17) E Eldin 4-8-2	A Mackay	16
43	1030		JANE'S BRAVE BOY 34 (D,F,G,S) D Chapman 6-8-2		
				S Wood (5)	12
				A Munro (5)	6
45	4062		MY-ELAINE 24 M Britain 4-8-1		
47	0060		*FAWLEY'S GIRL 22 (F,G)* R Hollinshead 6-8-0		
				A Culhane (3)	18
48	5128		BRITWYDD 24 (D,S) M James 5-8-0	A Proud	24
49	6464		RECOLLECT 3 J Payne 6-7-13	D Wood (7)	23
50	4003		MANABEL 17 (C,G) S Bowring 8-7-13	*J Quinn (5)*	7
51	0600		JOHNSTAN BOY 28 J Parkes 5-7-11		
52	1554		ROOF GHOST 20 (CD,F,S) J H Wilson 4-7-11		
				K Darley	30

6-1 *Cool Enough*, 7-1 *My-Elaine*, Lucy's Melody, 8-1 Knight's Secret, Appellant, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: A Hide, 4 winners from 8 runners, 50.0%; G Harwood, 11 from 30, 36.7%; H Thomson Jones, 13 from 52, 25.0%; C Tinkler, 13 from 82, 15.9%; C Elsey, 8 from 56, 14.3%; J Watts, 13 from 93, 14.0%.

JOCKEYS: K Fallon, 5 winners from 16 rides, 31.3%; G Hind, 3 from 17, 17.6%; Dean McKeown, 10 from 86, 11.6%; A Mackay, from 17, 17.6%; Dean McKeown, 10 from 86, 11.6%; K Bradshaw, 3 from 53, 11.3%; J Carroll, 4 from 36, 11.1%; K Bradshaw, 3 from 29, 10.3%.

3.0 LESLIE PETCH MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£3,019: 1m 3f) (15)

1	2551		CASHMERE N CAVIAR 19J (F,S) N Tinkler 4-9-10		
				Kim Tinkler	10
5	2110		GREEK FLUTTER 28 (CD,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-9-0		
				K Fallon (5)	15
9	0-04		CARELESS KISS 10 (C,D,F,S) M Camacho 4-8-9		
				M Connorton	13
10	0300		DAWN LOVE 6 (C,F,G) R Hollinshead 5-8-8		
				A Culhane (3)	1
11	0-01		RUDDA CASS 7 (C,F) W Haigh 4-8-5 (5ex)		
				Dale Gibson (5)	9
13	2222		TREVARNON 46 (D,F,S) P Monteith 5-8-2	P Burke (5)	4
15	0309		PHILOTAS 6 (V,G) Denys Smith 4-8-2	P Dalton (7)	12
16	5005		*JAY GEE ELL 14 (F,G)* E Eldin 4-8-1	*A Mackay (5)*	7
19	000		MERRYDALE FARM 32 J H Wilson 3-7-12	A Mackay	8
20	5032		ANOTHER NONSENSE 31J (G) R Whitaker 4-7-11		
				N Carlisle	11
22	0000		HALLCROSS 17 (V) Miss S Hall 4-7-9	E Johnson	5
23	3224		GODS LAW 20 (F,G) Mrs G Reveley 7-7-8	J Lowe	2
25	0002		OH DANNY BOY 19 (S) E Weymes 4-7-7	M Fry	14
26	0520		PRINCE ZAMARO 48 (G) W Stanley 4-7-7	J Quinn (5)	6
28	-040		MISS MAINWARING 6 S Norton 5-7-7	C Hodgson (7)	3

11-4 Cashmere N Caviar, 7-2 Greek Flutter, 4-1 Treyarnon, 6-1 Careless Kiss, 8-1 Rudda Cass, 10-1 others.

3.30 TATTERSALLS ROBIN HOOD'S BAY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,385: 1m) (30)

1			BAYFORD ENERGY R Whitaker 9-0	K Bradshaw 20
3	0		TENDER SPENDER 24 (B) J Watts 9-0	N Connorton 5
5	0060		EMSLEYS CHOICE 63 T Fairhurst 8-11	
				Dean McKeown 3
7	006		STANDING COUNT 39 Mrs J Ramsden 8-11	
				M Wigham 2
8	3		MOON REEF 57 C Elsey 8-9	L Charnock 1
10	06		GAMEDAWN CHARGER 19 R Williams 8-8	K Darley 13
12	000		SPANISH PORTION 25 S Norton 8-8	C Hodgson (7) 7
13	0000		TERSBAY BOY 10 C Tinkler 8-8	M Birch 16
16	000		*DRU RI'S BRU RI 39 W Bentley 8-5*	*A Mercer 12*
17	500		FORMATION 33 E Weymes 8-5	K Fallon (5) 14
18			JOE BUMPAS D Barron 8-5	D Nicholls 9
19	0		OBELISKI 18 W Wilson 8-5	R McGhin 8
21			WHYBROWS F Durr 8-5	
22	0		BOOBY PRIZE 24 H Thomson Jones 8-3	A Riding (7) 10
24	0		FINAL ASSET 39 J Hills 8-3	E Johnson 11
31			SIMPLY FIRST CLASS W Pearce 8-2	S Webster 22
32	3003		MOHARABUEE 7 R Hollinshead 8-0	A Culhane (3) 18
34	000		*BOLD SINGER 39 J Etherington 7-13*	*J Lowe 24*
35	000		HUNTERS LODGE 14 J H Wilson 7-13	26
37			NIYIL REEF (B) J Wainwright 7-13	S Morris 27
38	006		NYQUIST 57 (B) M Britain 7-13	A Munro (5) 23
39	50		TARLOGIE 87 S Muldoon 7-13	M Wood 19
42	6		REGIDIVIST 49 J Berry 7-11	J Carroll 4
43	500		SAIL JAI 37 P Calver 7-11	M Fry 6
46	00		HUSHABYE BABY 31 A Potts 7-8	P Burke (5) 17
48	0652		LES MAINS DOUCES 41 E Eldin 7-8	A Mackay 22
49	0		MISS KIVE 14 (B) D Chapman 7-8	S Wood (5) 21
50	4460		NORTHWOLD STAR 19 D Thom 7-8	J Quinn (5) 28
51	0		OPTIMISTIC BEAM 153 Ronald Thompson 7-8	
				G Hind	15
52	0260		REGAL VINE 7 Miss S E Hall 7-8	N Carlisle	25

4-1 *Les Mains Douces*, 5-1 *Northwold Star*, 11-2 Regal Vine, 6-1 Moon Reef, 8-1 Tarlogie, 10-1 others.

4.0 DAVE McHALE NURSERY (2-Y-O: £2,553: 5f) (12)

5	361		HONG KONG GIRL 78 (D,F) J Berry 9-7	J Carroll 7
6	6210		LONG ARM OF TH'LAW 33 (B,D,G) W Pearce 9-7	
				K Fallon 11
8	403		ADMIRALTY WAY 24 (B) J Watts 9-6	N Connorton 12
10	1620		SUPERSINGLE LADY 31 (B,C,BF,F) C Tinkler 9-0	
				M Birch 1
11	1612		TAWNY 3 (D,F) *D Barron 9-0*	D Nicholls 6
13	0040		MR CHARMER 15 (B) R Hollinshead 8-12	
				A Culhane (3) 3
15	005		CALAHONDA SONG 38 (B) N Bycroft 8-8	L Charnock 5
16	6000		TAXI FARE 27 M Britain 8-8	M Wigham 4
20	000		PETRISSA 28 J Wainwright 8-4	J Quinn (5) 6
22	3613		SWEET DRAGON 57 (D,BF,F) J Berry 8-3	K Darley 10
24	000		INDIAN SPIRIT 110 (B) M Brittain 8-0	P Burke (5) 9
27	0220		FLYCROFT 99 (BF) R M Whitaker 7-9	N Carlisle 2

11-4 Tawny, 100-30 Hong Kong Girl, 5-1 Long Arm Of The Law, 13-2 Sweet Dragon, 8-1 Super Single Lady, 12-1 others.

4.30 SALTBURN STAKES (£2,433: 2m 115yd) (9)

1	0-50		ALTOUNTASH 10 (F,G) I Wardle 4-9-2	M Birch 1
3	5		FIRM PRICE 157J (BF) Mrs G R Reveley 7-8-9	
				J Carr (5) 2
5	2340		BREGUET 20 Don Enrico Incisa 5-8-5	Kim Tinkler 3
7	5-15		DISCREET CHARM 31 (S) H Thomson Jones 3-8-2	
				A Riding 4
10	31		UPTON PARK 19 (D,F) J Watts 3-8-2	N Connorton 7
12	-021		ICECAPPED 40 (F) J Hills 3-7-13	E Johnson 6
13	0054		LEVISHAM 15 C Brittain 3-7-12	Dale Gibson (5) 9
14	3094		MELICUS 32 (BF) P Cole 3-7-12	A Mackay 8
15	32		ROUGE CLOVER 41 (BF) G Harwood 3-7-12	J Lowe 5

3-1 Upton Park, 7-2 Rouge Clover, 5-1 Icecapped, 7-1 Melicus, 10-1 Discreet Charm, Altounash, 12-1 Firm Price, 14-1 others.

Blinkered first time

YARMOUTH: 2.45 Badael, Military Honour, Mr Chester Man. 3.15 Dubrovnik, South Sands. 3.45 Pharoah's Pride. 4.45 All Honesty. LINGFIELD: 2.30 Dusky Nancy. 3.0 Ring Of Bells. 4.0 Milan Fair. 5.30 Sandy Court. REDCAR: 3.0 Philotas. 3.30 Tender Spender. Nyil Reef, Nyquist, Miss Kive. 4.0 Admiralty Way, Mr Charmer, Calahonda Song, Indian Spirit.

● Morram's Gold, a game winner of the Clyde Handicap at Hamilton Park yesterday, goes for a quick follow-up at the Ayr Western meeting on Saturday.

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YARMOUTH

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Holster.
2.45 Snapshot.
3.15 Suhail Dancer.
3.45 Falco.
4.15 MOMTAAZ (nap).
4.45 Ihtithar.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Holster.
2.45 Late Cut.
3.15 SUHAIL DANCER (nap).
3.45 Israr.
4.15 Afriyd.
4.45 School Concert.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. If it jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in last race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to firm Draw: 6f-1m high numbers best

2.15 BROOKE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,034: 6f) (20 runners)

1	(1)	122004	HOLSTER 26 (BLS) (Lord Harrington) D Morley 9-2	M Roberts	99
5	(4)	03544	ANNABELLE ROYALE 5 (I Faring) Mrs N Macauley 8-11	Pat Eddery	95
7	(10)		BY CHOICE (H Linney) R Williams 8-11	R Cochrane	—
9	(11)		CASTER BRAY (A Pitlar) P Haslam 8-11	C Rate (7)	—
10	(3)	032005	DIANABELLE 14 (F) (Mrs D Willett) Pat Mitchell 8-11	R Price (7)	87
12	(8)	00	*MACAQUE 129 (G Troeller)* M Johnston 8-11	*R P Elliott*	—
13	(17)	310029	MOOR FROLICKING 24 (CD,F) (M Evans) T Jones 8-11	W R Swinburn	87
14	(2)	0	NON-RECOURSE 98 (D Stewart) W Jarvis 8-11	R Hills	87
15	(12)		RED INDIAN (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 8-11	B Lynch (5)	—
16	(9)	00	*ROALCO'S VENTURE 70 (Roalco Ltd) P Haslam 8-11*	*G Baxter (7)*	—
17	(6)		TERRYS TOWN (T Jarvis) W Turner 8-11		—
18	(13)	0	BEDARRA 5 (R Hutchinson) R Hutchinson 8-8	W Ryan	—
21	(18)	00	EPHOR 14 (B) (Mrs L Finney) D Morley 8-6	V Smith (5)	—
22	(16)		IRISH SPRINGS (A Irish) *Dr J Scargill 8-6*	A Clark	—
23	(15)	00	LADY BAY 14 (E Thomas) J Wharton 8-6	P Walsh (7)	82
24	(14)	5600	LADY BLUES SINGER 5 (B) (British Thoroughbred Plc) B Hills 8-6	M Hills	98
26	(19)	00030	MY LADY MINSTREL 29 (Dr S Foster) J Spearing 8-6	B Crossley	95
27	(7)	05469	NOALLETTA 15 (Sir Mark Prescott) *M Prescott 8-8*	*C Nutter*	76
29	(20)	0	SILENTINA 20 (Mrs S Hanby) M Johnston 8-6		—
32	(5)	0430	WELSH ROSE 27 (Mrs B Mitchell) Pat Mitchell 8-6	B Nicholl (7)	—

BETTING: 4-1 Lady Blues Singer, 11-2 My Lady Minstrel, 7-1 Annabelle Royale, 8-1 Holster, Non-Recourse, 10-1 *Dianabelle*, 12-1 *Moor Frolicking, Noalletta*, 14-1 others.

1987: MADAM CYN 8-6 W Ryan (15-8 fav) H Cecil 15 ran

FORM HOLSTER was a surprise winner on *Folkestone debut (5f, soft)* beating The Oil Baron 2½l. Drops to selling company for the first time and has a clear chance on the best of his form. ANNABELLE ROYALE has finished 4th in sellers on his last two starts.

DIANABELLE holds LADY BAY and EPHOR on Ripon selling form last time when 5th to Sam's Choice. MOOR FROLICKING, 9th of 10 in a seller over course and distance in July, showed much better form when 2½l 2nd to Butler Fingers at *Folkestone (5f, good) on penultimate start.*

LADY BLUES SINGER, well backed for a valuable Doncaster seller last time, was 7¼l 7th with BEDARRA (same terms) 3l 11th. Makes a quick reappearance in lesser company.

MY LADY MINSTREL finished well in front of DIANABELLE and WELSH ROSE in a seller here on penultimate start.

Selection: LADY BLUES SINGER

2.45 LAVENDER LINEN MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,150: 1m 6f) (13 runners)

2	(6)	04044	BADEEL 15 (V) (Shewan Ahmed Al-Maktoum) *M Stoute 9-0*	*W R Swinburn*	92
5	(2)	00	INDIAN HILL 32 (Lord Derby) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	M Roberts	—
9	(7)	0-62302	LATE CUT 49 (L Westbury) E Eldin 9-0	N Day	99
11	(12)		LYPHEORIC (P Locke) G Harwood 9-0	A Clark	—
12	(9)	3	*MIGHTY PRINCE 49 (Capt. M Lomax) C Brittain 9-0*	*Pat Eddery*	85
13	(8)	0-46522	MILITARY HONOUR 17 (B) (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	87
14	(11)	0520-00	MR CHATTER MAN 6 (B) (J Fry) I Campbell 9-0	R Price	60
15	(1)	6	ALJASUR 31 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11	R Hills	—
17	(10)	0	*CHAPTER ONE 7 (Mrs T Holdcroft) John FitzGerald 8-11*	B Crossley	—
19	(5)	03300	GLINT OF PEARL 17 (K Al-Saiti) N Callaghan 8-11	P Barnard (5)	84
20	(3)		LAST OF THE LINE (Duke Of Devonshire) J Toller 8-11	Jaki Houston (5)	—
23	(13)	5	SNAPSHOT 38 (R Greenwood) H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	89
24	(4)	0-454	ZAMZAM 39 (Dana Stud Ltd) Miss M Piggott 8-11	R Cochrane	85

BETTING: 4-1 Late Cut, 9-2 Lypheoric, 5-1 Military Honour, 11-2 Snapshot, 7-1 Glint Of Pearl, 8-1 Mighty Prince, Zamzam, 10-1 Badeel, 12-1 others.

1987: TALUS 9-0 W Ryan (5-2) H Cecil 11 ran

FORM BADEEL has been beaten in minor maidens recently, but LATE CUT improved last time to finish 1l 2nd to Reef Lark over course and distance. LYPHEORIC, from a stable which traditionally ends the season with a good run, is out of a dam who won both here and in the United States. Cost 300,000gns as a yearling. *MIGHTY PRINCE can improve on his 6½l 3rd to* Harvest Dance in a Redcar maiden (1m 2f) over this longer trip. The consistent but one-paced MILITARY HONOUR was 7l 2nd to Please Kenneth in a Newcastle maiden last time (GLINT OF PEARL held).

GLINT OF PEARL has gone off the boil since a 5l 3rd to Tajroba here (1m 3f 110yd) in July with ZAMZAM (same terms) 5½l 5th. SNAPSHOT, from last year's winning stable, should improve on a 7l 5th of seven to Sky Love at Newmarket.

Selection: LATE CUT

3.15 JACK LEADER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £8,233: 7f) (8 runners)

1	(4)	13	SUHAIL DANCER 18 (F) (M Suhail) Miss M Piggott 9-7	Pat Eddery	—
7	(1)	100	DUBROVNIK 15 (V,C,F) (Sir Michael Sobell) *M Stoute 8-9*	*W R Swinburn*	93
8	(3)	5156	SOUTH SANDS 12 (B,F) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 8-7	N Day	96
9	(2)	3420	COTTENHAM 17 (Mrs J Hislop) C Britain 8-7	M Roberts	92
11	(5)	30222	SHINE AGAIN 29 (BF) (Cheveley Park Stud) W Haggas 8-3	M Hills	96
12	(6)	222	MISS MISCHIEVOUS 27 (Mrs J Gallaghan) *N Callaghan 8-2*	*G Baxter (7)*	96
15	(8)	60343	BELLE-COTE 26 (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 7-10	R Morse (5)	90
16	(7)	3303	PRINCESS CAERLEON 17 (B Young) Pat Mitchell 7-8	R Hills	99

BETTING: 100-30 Miss Mischievous, 9-2 Dubrovnik, 5-1 Shine Again, 6-1 South Sands, 7-1 Suhail Dancer, 8-1 Cottenham, 10-1 Princess Caerleon, 16-1 Belle-Cote.

1987: NORTHERN ISLE 8-10 R Hills (3-1 fav) B Hills 12 ran

FORM *SUHAIL DANCER followed up a* comfortable Nottingham maiden win with a 5½l 3rd, giving weight all round, to Dancing Tribute in a Newmarket graduation event.

DUBROVNIK, *highly regarded early in the season*, has twice disappointed since an odds-on maiden win here in June, but SOUTH SANDS, who won a Brighton maiden (6f, firm) in June, has run creditably in two York nurseries since. Possibly failed to stay a mile on soft ground last time.

SHINE AGAIN makes her handicap bow following three seconds in claimers, the best of them probably a head 2nd to Syrus P Turnable (6f, good to firm) with BELLE-COTE (2lb worse off) 2l 3rd. MISS MISCHIEVOUS was a head 2nd to Letsbeonest-about it in a competitive York seller, and PRINCESS CAERLEON looked as though this trip would suit following a 1l 3rd to Faynaz in a Windsor nursery.

Selection: *PRINCESS CAERLEON (nap)*

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Shillelagh.
2.30 Au Bon.
3.00 Finest Kind.
3.30 Laughing Home.
4.00 Sand-Dollar.
4.30 Dutchess Best.
5.00 Ballafort.
5.30 Lord Balmerino.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 Devils Dirge.
2.30 Au Bon.
3.00 Finest Kind.
3.30 Turbo Rose.
4.00 Sand-Dollar.
4.30 Knight Line Dancer.
5.00 Restless Rhapsody.
5.30 Simply Swell.

By Michael Seely

4.00 Sand-Dollar. 5.30 MYTASKI (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.00 BALLAFORT.

Going: good to firm Draw: 5f-7f 140yd, high numbers best

2.0 EBF NUTFIELD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,562: 5f) (19 runners)

1	(10)	0	AONIA 87 *(T Warner)* M Jarvis 8-11	B Raymond	83
2	(4)	26	BLUSHING BUNNY 15 (Raymond Lau) D Murray-Smith 8-11	R Wernham	95
3	(19)	5340	CELESTIAL HEIGHTS 25 (BF) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11	P Cook	90
5	(3)		CHRONIC REMORSE (M Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 8-11	N Howe	—
6	(2)	253224	DEVILS DIRGE 29 (Giles W Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	G Duffield	99
7	(13)	45	ECHO CHAMBER 74 (Northampton Mercury Co) M Tompkins 8-11	W Carson	89
8	(18)	0400	FIRENZE MY GIRL 43 (H Floyd) R Curtis 8-11		83
12	(12)		MERANDIS GIRL (Mrs M Cheralambous) K Brassey 8-11	I Johnson	—
14	(9)	0	MISS CELEBRITY 7 (Mrs E McManus) D Murray-Smith 8-11	A McGlone	—
15	(11)		MURMURING (J Redmond) J Winter 8-11	T Ives	—
17	(7)	00	PENTAGON ROSE 15 (T Moore) W Carter 8-11	B Rouse	—
18	(14)	00500	PUFF PUFF 15 (P Crate) H O'Neill 8-11	M Marshall (7)	83
19	(8)	6	RATHAGE 77 (P Hubbard) A Hide 8-11	Ree Guest	—
21	(6)	34	SAY SHANAZ 56 (Mrs J Mansfield) R Voorspuy 8-11		—
22	(15)	4	SHILLELAGH 150 (G Ward) D Arbuthnot 8-11	J Reid	89
24	(1)	30	TA CHANCE 15 (Baron F Oppenheim) John FitzGerald 8-11	G Baxter	90
25	(5)		TARTAN (J Redmond) J Winter 8-11	Paul Eddery	—
26	(16)	5	THE QUEEN OF SOUL 64 (C Wright) T Williams 8-11	T Williams	—
28	(17)		VILVEARN (Mrs B Sanjani) S Woodman 8-11	R Fox	—

BETTING: 11-4 Devils Dirge, 4-1 Blushing Bunny, Celestial Heights, 7-1 Ta Chance, 8-1 Aonia, 12-1 Merandis Girl, Echo Chamber, 14-1 The Queen Of Soul, Say Shanaz, 16-1 others.

1987: KINLOCH 8-11 N Crowther (9-2) J Winter 10 ran

2.30 GO HURDLING SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £902: 1m 2f) (11 runners)

1	(7)	000020	ALVIN YORK 17 (C,S) (Pauseroy Limited) M Haynes 9-3	R Fox	91
2	(10)	345021	AU BON 7 (D,G) (D Hunnisett) D Morley 8-3	J Reid	99
3	(4)	000010	CLASS STRUGGLE 8 (V,F) (R Morley) D

CRICKET: COUNTY'S DECISION TO CHANGE LEADERSHIP MAY SPARK A WINTER REVOLT IN WEST COUNTRY

Graveney dismissed as captain of Gloucestershire

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent


Graveney: hurt by timing

Gloucestershire have risked team spirit and invited a winter of rebellion by dismissing their captain, David Graveney, in astonishing fashion.

A deeply shocked and hurt Graveney was last night considering his future in cricket after becoming the latest victim of a remarkable family saga. David's uncle, Tom Graveney, was dismissed as Gloucestershire captain in 1960 and, seven years ago, his father, Ken, was ousted as club chairman. Both men were at Bristol yesterday, their anger at the treatment of the next generation matched by many others on the ground.

Graveney had been given no indication that his job was threatened until Sunday evening, when the bombshell was dropped by David Allen, chairman of the club's cricket committee. He was given the option of resigning but refused because "it would not have been honest or justifiable". As Graveney had just completed the best bowling figures of his 17-year career, the timing of the decision was both baffling and heartless, even if it could be justified on cricketing grounds.

Bill Athey had been named as the new captain, subject to ratification by the full club committee. Athey is a worthy and talented county player but his personality is that of a single-minded introvert. If, as Graveney was officially informed, the reason for change is to get more out of the players, the decision may be still more misguided than it already appears.

The decision was made by the cricket committee last Friday. Although Graveney attended the meeting, he was not present when the captaincy was debated. His dismissal was not unanimous and one member of the committee, David Green, a former player, is threatening to resign at what he calls "a terrible decision".

Graveney took on the captaincy in 1981 and survived a minor attempt to remove him three years later, when the club finished bottom of the championship. His support within the dressing-room was enormous, however, and some clever recruitment that winter transformed the side.

In the subsequent four years Gloucestershire have consistently challenged for honours, but as Graveney mused: "Perhaps the near misses just become too frequent. It brings one of two reactions. You either think the players are not quite good enough or you blame the captain.

"I feel very hurt, more so as it sinks in. The way it was done leaves me with no dignity. It is like being stripped in public and I'm afraid it is another example of the lack of man-management which exists in cricket. There had to be a better way of doing it. Cricketers are not robots — they have feelings.

"There is a lot of emotion evident today but I've told the players they must not overreact. They would do nobody any favours by acting irresponsibly."

Despite his pleas, the dismissal will provoke a storm of protest likely to result in an acrimonious annual meeting. Graveney serves on the cricket and discipline sub-committees of the TCCB and is treasurer of the Cricketers' Association. He is one of the most popular players in England and his standing was reflected yesterday when he walked out to bat to loud cheering and clapping from the crowd and opposition. Phil Neale, the rival captain, explained: "I am personally very sad and disappointed for him." And Graveney admitted later: "There was a tear in my eye."

He went on: "I don't know what I will do now. If I rush into an emotional decision I may regret it later. It has been a strange year. I have come close to playing for England, we've come close to winning the Sunday League and now I've lost my job. Perhaps there is something about the Graveney family but I don't think we are that terrible."


Over and out: Norman Gifford packs up after a career spanning 30 years and 2,068 wickets

Gifford hangs up his baggy whites to standing ovation

By Ivo Tennant

There was mellow fruitfulness at Edgbaston yesterday, but not much mist. Only rain. When it ceased, a balding man of ruddy complexion, advanced years and baggy whites emerged to a standing ovation. He put his first two balls on a length, took a wicket with his third and soon afterwards went off to another ovation.

This was the last day of Norman Gifford's long career.

It was, then, a time for the eyes to prick and fill. How many more cricketers will hold their own in the modern game until they are 48? That last wicket, a fellow spinner in the shape of Vic Marks, took Gifford's tally to 2,068, beyond that of Doug Wright and as many as Frank Woolley.

Gifford was not aware of it. He has never been one for statistics. He remembered his first match, for Worcestershire against Kent in 1960, but chiefly because it was over in a day. He recalls that Arthur Pheby was his first wicket, but he has long forgotten the mode of dismissal.

Gifford had never seen a first-class match when he joined Worcestershire. In that same season, 1960, he was paid £9 a week and £2 lodging allowance. As he prepared to leave Edgbaston yesterday, there was no trace of nostalgia or sentiment. "I have just seen the faces of the young players we have not retained and that reminded me how lucky I have been."

That was not, though, the case in his Test career, although you will not hear him say so. If it had not been for the presence of Derek Underwood, he would assuredly have played for England more than 15 times. "Derek was a better bowler than me. On a sticky wicket I could take six for 30 but he would have seven for 20. It was hard to oust someone like that."

Nevertheless, Gifford kept him on his toes, notably when Ray Illingworth was captain, and year-in, year-out, took a stack of wickets in county cricket, for Worcestershire and from 1983, Warwickshire. This season he has taken only 31, which says something about the state of our pitches.

"The preparation is all wrong. I am not saying we have to shave all the grass off but we must get back to good dry surfaces. Cricket is a much harder game now for young slow bowlers than when I began. The one-day game has contributed to that and has resulted also in batsmen being more intent on dominating spinners quickly."

Yet, Gifford could well have continued until he was 50 had it not been for having to field. "There is no pleasure in being slow to the ball. So I shall try to extend my career on the coaching or management side. I should like to have another shot at being a selector and hope to sit on the TCCB. Could I take the stick? It honestly would not worry me."

Norman Gifford

Age: 48
Born: Ulverston, Lancashire
Debut: Worcestershire, 1960. Captain 1971-80. Warwickshire, 1983. Captain 1985-87.
Wickets: 2,068.
Best bowling: 8 for 28 v Yorkshire, 1968.
Tests: 15 (1964-1973), 33 wickets. **Best bowling:** 5 for 55 v Pakistan, 1972-73.
England selector: 1982.
Award: MBE 1978.

Australians have to settle for draw

From Richard Streeton, Quetta, Pakistan

The Australians held a practice game among themselves after their three-day match with the Baluchistan Governor's XI moved to its inevitable draw yesterday. They are acutely conscious that only two days of practice remained before the first Test match starts in Karachi on Thursday and they intend to make every minute count. In several areas the touring team still look as if they need longer to settle down.

The Australians were determined to keep their itinerary short but it was always going to be a risk for Border's side to restrict themselves to two three-day games before the Tests started. They will have a net at breakfast time today before the journey to Karachi tomorrow where they will have further practice.

Nothing emphasized the Australian problems more than the cavalier way their attack was treated in the final 90 minutes. They declared with a lead of 184 at tea after which their bowlers were taunted by the local opener, Sajid Ali, who compiled 46 runs from 35 balls.

May, the injured off-spinner, provided the day's best encouragement for the Australians. His damaged hand responded so well to treatment during the weekend that he was able to bowl seven overs. He was less confident fielding but clearly has every hope that he will remain on the tour.

Dodemaide again bowled steadily and finished with four for 46 before the Governor's XI declared 28 runs behind at the fall of the ninth wicket. Raees Ahmed top scored with 77, including 11 fours.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings 288 for 8 dec (G M Wood 91, P R Sleep 52, J D Siddons 50).

Second Innings

*D M Jones c Zulqarnain b Habib Baluch	23
M R J Veletta not out	72
S R Waugh c Shahid Anwar b Iqbal Qasim	29
†I A Healy not out	29
Extras (lb 1, nb 2)	3
Total (2 wkts dec)	156

J D Siddons, G M Wood, P R Sleep, P L Taylor, A I C Dodemaine, T B A May and C J Mcdermott did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-88.

BOWLING: Azim Hafeez 5-0-11-0; Habib Baluch 5-0-21-1; Tariq Baloch 5-0-20-0; Raees Ahmed 3-0-10-0; Iqbal Qasim 8-1-17-1; Anwar Miandad 18-6-48-0; Akhtar Hussain 5-0-21-0; Shaukat Mirza 4-1-7-0.

GOVERNOR'S XI: First Innings

Shahid Anwar c Healy b Dodemaide	10
Sajid Ali c Healy b Dodemaide	25
Shaukat Mirza c Jones b Sleep	41
Anwar Miandad c Siddons b McDermott	32
Raees Ahmad lbw b Dodemaide	77
Tariq Baluch c Veletta b McDermott	3
Akhtar Hussain b McDermott	0
Zulqarnain c and b Taylor	15
Habib Baluch not out	33
Azim Hafeez b Dodemaide	8
Extras (b 8, lb 1, nb 9)	18
Total (9 wkts dec)	260

Iqbal Qasim did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-39, 3-114, 4-135, 5-159, 6-159, 7-189, 8-240, 9-260.

BOWLING: Dodemaide 18-6-46-4; Waugh 9-0-38-0; Taylor 26-4-86-1; Sleep 15-4-45-1; McDermott 15-5-57-3; May 7-0-37-0.

Second Innings

Sajid Ali b Waugh	46
Shahid Anwar b Taylor	15
Shaukat Mirza not out	13
Anwar Miandad c Waugh b Taylor	2
Akhtar Hussain b Sleep	1
Tariq Baluch not out	0
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (4 wickets)	78

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-66, 3-74, 4-78.

BOWLING: McDermott 5-0-32-0; Waugh 7-3-15-1; Sleep 8-4-26-1; Taylor 6-3-4-2.

Qadir in pre-Test flu fight

Karachi (Reuter) — The fearsome spinners of Pakistan moved to the fore when the 14-man squad for the first Test match against Australia was named on Monday.

Abdul Qadir, the leg-spinner, is backed up by two off-spinners, Iqbal Qasim and Tauseef Ahmad. A young debutant, Mushtaq Ahmad, has the noteworthy record of taking six England wickets in an innings in a three-day match last December.

Qadir is struggling with influenza and Pakistan are taking a gamble that he will be fit for the match which starts here on Thursday. Intikhab Alab, the team manager, said Qadir would be arriving from Lahore to attend the squad's training session.

Pakistan's stress on spin is partly forced on them by the absence of their two top fast bowlers. Imran Khan has opted out of the three-Test series, citing the hot and sticky weather at this time of year, and Wasim Akram is still recovering from an operation.

In the absence of Imran, Javed Miandad is leading the side for the series.

The Australians will arrive in Karachi today from Quetta, where they drew a three-day match against the Baluchistan Governor's XI yesterday. Tim May, spinner, will not be fit for the first Test.

PAKISTAN TEAM (from): Javed Miandad (capt), Mudassar Nazar, Rameez Raja, Shoaib Mohammad, Salim Malik, Ejaz Ahmad, Salim Yousuf, Abdul Qadir, Tauseef Ahmad, Iqbal Qasim, Saleem Jaffer, Mohsin Kamal, Mushtaq Ahmad, Aamer Malik.

LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting

	M	I	No	R	HS	100	50	Ave
G A Hick	23	36	2	2516	405*	9	5	74.00
S R Waugh	15	24	6	1314	161	6	4	73.00
C W J Athey	13	22	6	1094	168*	2	6	66.50
G A Gooch	20	35	1	2181	275	5	15	64.14
M D Crowe	5	9	1	497	136*	2	2	60.87
A R Border	19	32	8	1353	166*	6	4	58.04
K J Barnett	18	28	2	1411	239*	4	5	54.26
M A Atherton	15	25	4	1097	152*	4	5	52.23
A J Lamb	18	25	5	992	117	4	5	49.60
D M Smith	11	18	5	630	157*	2	1	48.46
M W Gatting	20	33	2	1469	210	3	8	47.38
M R Ramprakash	9	13	4	422	68*	-	3	46.88
N Hussain	8	11	2	417	165*	1	1	46.33
W N Slack	19	32	5	1228	163*	3	6	45.48
P D Bowler	23	40	5	1569	158*	3	9	44.82
G S Clinton	17	27	5	980	158	4	4	44.54
R C Ontong	17	25	8	734	120*	1	4	43.17
J G Wright	11	20	1	815	154*	1	5	42.89
C J Richards	19	23	3	837	102*	1	6	41.85
C J Tavare	21	35	2	1369	138*	4	4	41.48

Qualification: 400 runs, ave 41.48 * denotes not out

FASTEST CENTURY: 79 balls: G A Hick, Worcestershire v Surrey at The Oval

Bowling

	Over	Mid	Runs	Wk	BB	5i	Ave
O H Mortensen	233.3	73	464	34	6-35	4	13.64
S T Clarke	396.4	108	913	63	6-52	4	14.49
N F Williams	178.3	33	511	30	6-42	2	17.03
P W Jarvis	233.2	52	651	37	6-40	2	17.59
F D Stephenson	748.1	186	2067	114	7-56	9	18.13
N G Cowans	492.0	124	1290	71	6-49	3	18.16
G J Parsons	226.0	69	553	29	7-16	1	19.06
A R C Fraser	696.5	195	1550	80	6-68	6	19.37
G C Small	628.1	170	1605	80	7-15	8	20.06
A A Donald	180.4	40	534	26	5-57	1	20.53
P J Newport	575.3	123	1768	86	8-52	6	20.55
P J W Allott	590.2	159	1378	67	6-59	5	20.56
K E Cooper	781.0	210	2072	100	5-41	5	20.72
N A Mallender	433.3	111	1037	50	5-12	1	20.74
A Sidebottom	473.2	130	1171	55	5-30	2	21.29
K M Curran	414.2	81	1385	65	7-54	4	21.30
Wasim Akram	291.4	76	666	31	7-53	2	21.48
G R Dilley	358.1	63	1014	47	5-46	4	21.57
M A Robinson	381.4	79	998	48	4-19	-	21.69
K D James	262.5	67	657	30	5-25	2	21.90

Qualification: 20 wickets, ave 21.90

BEST BOWLING: 9-45: M P Bicknell, Surrey v Cambridge U at The Oval

● Compiled by Richard Lockwood

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Yorks v Northants

SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire (5pts) drew with Northamptonshire (7)
YORKSHIRE: First Innings 320 (M D Moxon 86, A A Metcalfe 56; R G Williams 4 for 80).

Second Innings

M D Moxon c Lamb b Williams	191
A A Metcalfe lbw b Robinson	26
D Byas c Lamb b Williams	72
P E Robinson b Robinson	17
J D Love lbw b Robinson	14
†R J Blakey not out	45
P A Booth c Fordham b Williams	0
P J Hartley	12
Extras (b 3, lb 3, nb 14)	20
Total (6 wkts)	397

*P Carrick, C Shaw and S D Fletcher did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-79, 2-245, 3-281, 4-311, 5-356, 6-356.

BOWLING: Davis 9-2-31-0; Capel 6-0-39-0; Williams 48-12-110-3; Robinson 20-6-59-3; N G B Cook 9-3-13-0; Bailey 33-8-107-0; Walker 11.2-2-27-0; G Cook 2-0-5-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 464 (G Cook 203, A J Lamb 76, D J Capel 69; P A Booth 4 for 132).

Umpires: D O Oslear and P B Wight.

Notts v Derbyshire

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire (22pts) beat Derbyshire (4) by an innings and 41 runs
DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 347 (J E Morris 106, B Roberts 62, P D Bowler 50; F S Stephenson 5 for 91).

Second Innings

*K J Barnett lbw b Cooper	45
P D Bowler c Birch b Cooper	11
†B J M Maher c Evans b Hemmings	37
J E Morris c French b Stephenson	16
S C Goldsmith b Stephenson	6
B Roberts b Evans	3
S J Base b Stephenson	15
R Sharma c Robinson b Evans	41
F A Griffith c French b Stephenson	19
M A Holding lbw b Evans	4
D E Malcolm not out	6
Extras (b 5, lb 9, w 4, nb 5)	23
Total	226

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-82, 3-98, 4-106, 5-116, 6-141, 7-151, 8-194, 9-219.

BOWLING: Stephenson 30-11-76-4; Cooper 15-2-49-2; Hemmings 39-15-65-1; Evans 10.5-4-22-3.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: 614 (D W Randall 237, M Newell 105, F D Stephenson 83, K P Evans 54; S J Base 4 for 123).

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and R Palmer.

Warwicks v Somerset

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire (4pts) drew with Somerset (6)
SOMERSET: First Innings 372 (V J Marks 66, R J Bartlett 67, R J Harden 63).

Second Innings

J J E Hardy st Holloway b Gifford	23
N A Felton b Small	4
J G Wyatt b Munton	26
R J Bartlett b Munton	4
R J Harden lbw b Munton	43
†N D Burns not out	48
*V J Marks c Thorne b Gifford	11
G D Rose not out	6
Extras (b 7, lb 13, nb 4)	24
Total (6 wkts dec)	185

M W Cleal, N A Mallender and A N Jones did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-53, 3-63, 4-63, 5-169, 6-174.

BOWLING: Small 18-4-26-1; Munton 29-7-50-3; Gifford 34-1-4-83-2; Asif Din 2-1-8-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 257 (P A Smith 84 not out).

Second Innings

*T A Lloyd c Burns b Marks	69
A J Moles c Burns b Jones	64
Asif Din lbw b Jones	14
D A Thorne c Burns b Small	54
A I Kallicharran lbw b Jones	8
G C Small not out	56
A T Merrick lbw b Rose	0
P A Smith c Jones b Rose	1
†P C L Holloway c Bartlett b Marks	5
T A Munton b Marks	2
N Gifford not out	0
Extras (lb 12, w 1, nb 4)	17
Total (9 wkts)	290

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-132, 2-148, 3-188, 4-184, 5-234, 6-234, 7-255, 8-272, 9-289.

BOWLING: Jones 13-0-45-3; Rose 13-1-56-3; Marks 30-4-115-3; Cleal 9-0-42-0; Bartlett 3-0-20-0.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and N T Plews.

Glamorgan v Hants

CARDIFF: Hampshire (19pts) beat Glamorgan (7) by two wickets
GLAMORGAN: 259 (A R Butcher 74, P A Cottey 73, M P Maynard 50) and 234 (M P Maynard 71, A R Butcher 56; C A Connor 4 for 61).
HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 126 (J G Thomas 4 for 67).

Second Innings

V P Terry c Metson b North	66
C L Smith lbw b Watkin	34
*M C J Nicholas b Derrick	47
R A Smith lbw b Derrick	65
D R Turner lbw b Derrick	24
K D James lbw b Thomas	1
J R Ayling not out	54
†R J Parks b Watkin	27
R J Maru c Maynard b Thomas	28
C A Connor not out	5
Extras (lb 19, w 4, nb 11)	34
Total (8 wkts)	370

P J Bakker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-85, 2-139, 3-206, 4-258, 5-259, 6-280, 7-309, 8-365.

BOWLING: Thomas 28-6-89-2; Watkin 35-11-87-2; Derrick 36.4-8-96-3; Basten 27-11-67-0; North 12-2-32-1.

Umpires: R Julian and R A White.

LEAGUE CRICKET RESULTS

ULSTER SENIOR LEAGUE: First section: Holywood 133, Lisburn 134 for 6; North Down 181 for 5, NICC 125; Lurgan 184 for 9, RUC 97; Woodvale 101 for 8, Warringstown 102 for 1 (League champions: Warringstown). Second section: Donaldoney 77, Armagh 78 for 0; Muckamore 120, Saintfield 102.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY LEAGUE: Percy Main 190 for 8, Benwell Hill 153 for 9; Tynedale 121 for 8, Benwell 122 for 7; Morpeth 108, Ashington 109 for 2; Blyth 163 for 8, Alnwick 44; South Northumberland 161 for 9, Backworth 134 for 8; Tynemouth 128 for 7, County Club 129 for 1. (League champions: South Northumberland; Runners-up: County Club).

GIROBANK NORTH YORKSHIRE AND SOUTH DURHAM LEAGUE: (Saturday) Normanby Hall 122, Bishop Auckland 124 for 1; Darlington 168 for 8 v Redcar (rain); Blackhall 86, Darlington RA 92 for 3; Marske 179, Billingham 81 for 0 (rain); Middlesbrough 200 for 4, Thornaby 19 for 1 (rain); Norton 155 for 6, Hartlepool 156 for 4; Saltburn 197, Northallerton 22 for 0 (rain); Stockton 196 for 9, Guisborough 184 for 8. (Sunday) Middlesbrough 155 for 8, Guisborough 125 for 7; Blackhall 207 for 6, Saltburn 138; Bishop Auckland 176 for 4, Thornaby 108; Stockton 106, Hartlepool 108 for 1; Darlington 161 for 5, Billingham 105; Northallerton 68, Marske 70 for 2; Darlington RA 158, Redcar 159 for 4; Normanby Hall 133 for 7, Norton 133.

MATTHEW BROWN LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: (Saturday) Burnley 153 for 8, Bacup 98 for 8; Church 147 for 2, Nelson 150 for 3; Colne 66 for 0, Accrington 62 for 6; East Lancashire 125 for 4, Lowerhouse 112 for 9; Ramsbottom 77, Rishton 78 for 1; Rawtenstall 158 for 3, Todmorden 152 for 5. Abandoned: Enfield v Haslingden. (Sunday) Accrington 140 for 8, Ramsbottom 148; Bacup 219 for 3, Enfield 125 for 8; Haslingden 169 for 4, Burnley 160 for 8; Lowerhouse 128 for 9, Church 203 for 5; Nelson 113, East Lancashire 137; Rishton 184 for 9, Rawtenstall 190 for 2; Todmorden 176 for 6, Colne 136. (League champions: Haslingden; Runners-up: East Lancashire).

BROTHER CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Rochdale 194 for 6, Milnrow 152; Crompton 192 for 4, Heywood 165 for 9; Stockport 141 for 8, Royton 146; Littleborough 192 for 5, Norden 114; Ashton 138 for 5, Hyde 118; Radcliffe 184 for 6, Werneth 185 for 4; Oldham 182 for 6, Middleton 181.

Scott rewarded

Nottingham have awarded a county cap to the wicketkeeper, Chris Scott, aged 24, who stood in for the injured Bruce French for most of the season.

Benefit match

Middlesex entertain Surrey in a 40-over match to benefit Mike Gatting and Jack Richards at Berkhamsted today.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Finishing touch timely for San Francisco

By Robert Kirley

Joe Montana completed a 78-yard touchdown pass to Jerry Rice with 42 seconds left in the game on Sunday, giving the San Francisco 49ers a 20-17 away win over the New York Giants. The game highlighted a weekend of nip-and-tuck games in the National Football League.

New York had taken the lead 1min 21sec from the end when Phil McConkey's 32-yard punt return set up Phil Simms's 15-yard scoring pass to Lionel Manuel. Steve Young and Montana each played a half at quarterback for the 49ers.

Doug Williams passed for 430 yards and completed two fourth-quarter touchdown tosses as the Washington Redskins slipped past the resuscitated Pittsburgh Steelers 30-29. Chip Lohmiller, who had kicked field goals of 46 and 37 yards, nailed a 19-yarder with 12 seconds remaining to provide the winning margin.

Jim McMahon completed 19 of 32 passes for 186 yards and a 35-yard touchdown strike to Dennis Gentry as the Chicago Bears beat the Indianapolis Colts 17-13. In the fourth quarter, McMahon led a 77-yard drive for the winning touchdown, a two-yard dive by Matt Suhey. Indianapolis advanced to the Bears' 38-yard line on the next series, but Eric Dickerson, who had scored on a 12-yard touchdown run, gave up a fumble. The Chicago defense, which forced two other turnovers, limited Dickerson to 95 rushing yards on 24 carries, extending to 26 Chicago's string of games without allowing an opposing running back to reach 100 yards.

The defensive end, Richard Dent, of the Bears, who played while appealing a 30-day suspension for refusing to take a drugs test, made two sacks.

The Cleveland Browns, lacking the services of the injured quarterback, Bernie Kosar, lost to the New York Jets 23-3. Gary Danielson, Kosar's back-up, sustained a fractured ankle.

● Anheuser-Busch, the brewer of Budweiser, the American lager, will not sponsor the National League of British American football next year.

RESULTS: Chicago 17, Indianapolis 13; New Orleans 28, Atlanta 21; Buffalo 8, Miami 6; Washington 30, Pittsburgh 29; San Francisco 20, NY Giants 17; Tampa Bay 13, Green Bay 10; Cincinnati 28, Philadelphia 24; LA Rams 17, Detroit 10; Seattle 31, Kansas City 10; Houston 38, LA Raiders 35; Minnesota 36, New England 6; NY Jets 23, Cleveland 3; Denver 34, San Diego 3.

American Conference	W	L	T	PF	PA
East					
Buffalo Bills	2	0	0	22	16
New England Patriots	1	1	0	34	36
New York Jets	1	1	0	26	31
Indianapolis Colts	0	2	0	27	34
Miami Dolphins	0	2	0	13	43
Central					
Cincinnati Bengals	2	0	0	49	38
Houston Oilers	2	0	0	55	49
Cleveland Browns	1	1	0	9	26
Pittsburgh Steelers	1	1	0	53	51
West					
Seattle Seahawks	2	0	0	52	24
Los Angeles Raiders	1	1	0	58	51
Denver Broncos	1	1	0	46	24
Kansas City Chiefs	0	2	0	13	37
San Diego Chargers	0	2	0	15	56
National Conference					
East					
Philadelphia Eagles	1	1	0	65	42
New York Giants	1	1	0	44	40
Washington Redskins	1	1	0	50	56
Dallas Cowboys	0	1	0	21	24
Phoenix Cardinals	0	1	0	14	21
Central					
Chicago Bears	2	0	0	51	20
Detroit Lions	1	1	0	41	34
Tampa Bay Bucs	1	1	0	27	51
Minnesota Vikings	1	1	0	46	19
Green Bay Packers	0	2	0	10	47
West					
San Fran 49ers	2	0	0	54	50
LA Rams	2	0	0	51	17
New Orleans Saints	1	1	0	62	55
Atlanta Falcons	0	2	0	36	60

Does not include last night's game: Phoenix v Dallas.

FIXTURES: Sunday: New England v Buffalo; Pittsburgh v Cincinnati; Kansas City v Denver; Miami v Green Bay; NY Jets v Houston; Chicago v Minnesota; Detroit v New Orleans; Washington v Philadelphia; Tampa Bay v Phoenix; San Francisco v Atlanta; LA Raiders v LA Rams; Dallas v NY Giants; San Diego v Seattle. Monday: Cleveland v Indianapolis.

GOLF

Eight-yarder completes Jones's day

By Chris Smart

Kevin Jones sank a putt of about eight yards on the final green at Cardiff last night to establish a one-stroke half-way advantage in the £20,000 Casey-Celuform Welsh professional championship at the end of a day during which he was the only player to break par 70.

His 69 for the 6,016-yard tree-lined course comprised halves of 35 and 34 and did not contain a six. He goes into the second and final round this morning a stroke ahead of Craig Defoy, the Welsh national coach, and two ahead of Ian Woosnam and Ian Luntz, the young assistant at the Glamorganshire club, Penarth.

Jones, winner of the title in 1984 and a PGA Cup international this year, is the club professional at Caldy

Out in level par 35, he picked up a splendid birdie four at the 501-yard 11th — the longest hole on the course — when he put his five-iron second shot on the heart of the green. He three-putted the 16th to drop a stroke but made amends by rolling in that long one at the last.

Woosnam, winner of the £50,000 top prize in the Panasonic European Open at Sunningdale on Sunday, said: "I have come here primarily to encourage Welsh professional golf and I have enjoyed myself."

Defoy, who has won this championship four times, was pleased with his halves of 36 and 34 which kept him well in the hunt for the £5,000 top prize but European tour professionals, Phil Parkin and Mark Mouland, could not have been happy with scores of 73 and 75 respectively.

LEADING SCORES: 69: K Jones (Caldy). 70: C Defoy (Coombe Hill). 71: I Luntz (Glamorganshire). I Woosnam (Wenvoe). 73: G Hopkins (Royal Porthcawl), M Benjamin (Nuneaton), P Parkin (Blue Arrow). 75: K H Williams (Coombe Hill), D Homan (Foxhills), M Mouland (Kenilworth).

RUGBY UNION

Sudden check-ups on clubs' aim to save amateur code

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) will have no hesitation in banning from the game any individual or club found to be transgressing the amateur regulations. Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said yesterday in a strong defence of the amateur concept which, it has been suggested, is under increasing threat.

His action was prompted by a recent television programme but also by an appreciation of the pressure created by the sponsorship funds available within the domestic game at a time of radical competitive change.

The RFU's amateur status sub-committee will also be making unscheduled visits to clubs up and down the country; committee members visited several clubs last season to discuss such topics as the payment of legitimate expenses to players.

They may also inspect, where they feel necessary, club accounts (upon which clubs are obliged, in any case, to make an annual return to their constituent body).

"We feel the arguments for an amateur sport, perhaps the last of the major amateur team sports, are overwhelming but we recognize that we must communicate that feeling," Wood said. "Everyone who has played the game has benefited enormously, in their life, sometimes in their career. Jobs, living quarters have been found for players through the game and that has always gone on.

"If a member club of the RFU wanted to change the amateur regulations so that players were paid, they would be perfectly entitled to do so, but I can't conceive of any club doing that and the support for such a proposition would be non-existent.

"We know the pressures people are under and the need for clubs to do well, their desire to attract the best players. Of course there are some top players in various countries who would like to see change because they would benefit but it's not the desire of the game as a whole."

Wood acknowledged the difficulties of framing regulations to apply to conditions in so many different countries whose interpretation of amateurism may differ but suggested that trust funds for players had not worked for athletics and would not do so in rugby union.

● In the light of the recent court case in which Simon van Oppen failed to bring a case of negligence against Bedford School after receiving injuries in a tackle while a student there eight years ago which left him semi-paralysed, Wood pointed out that in 1984 the RFU had taken out insurance for all boys playing rugby in schools affiliated to the Union.

Such insurance cover costs the RFU's Wavell Wakefield Youth Trust £100,000 a year. "The RFU does this simply because no one else does," Wood said. "In the last four years we have had one case of total paralysis which happened when the ball was out of play." A difficulty does exist, however, in persuading schools to act in concert over the dangers present in all sports, not only in rugby.

Aberavon coach quits over rewards

By Peter Bills

The Aberavon player-coach, Billy James, capped a Welsh international 21 times, last night resigned after 14 seasons, citing the committee's refusal to pay rewards to players as the major reason for the club's decline.

Aberavon have lost 15 squad players since the end of last season, leaving them with only six first-team members available for Saturday's first fixture against Newbridge.

The club was suspended for two weeks because of its disciplinary record last season.

But James's departure after so many years service places the spotlight firmly on the Port Talbot club.

"At the root of all these departures is the fact that the club will not offer rewards to players. Other clubs are offering far superior attractions like generous travelling expenses, overseas tours, good training facilities, excellent kit and other things.

"Aberavon simply will not do it so players leave. The club is slowly falling apart and could fold," he said.

But the hooker insisted that rewards had nothing to do with his decision. "I could have left 10 years ago when I got better offers. Even now I have offers to join Swansea and Maesteg.

"Deciding to leave was the worst decision I have ever had to make and I am terribly sad. But there was no other course to take.

"This problem has been going on here for 10 years. We have lost dozens of players and the committee has just not got to grips with the situation. Things have gone from bad to worse and I have had enough of banging my head against a brick wall.

"Players are mercenary more than they were years ago. Other clubs offer players a package whereas Aberavon will not."

James emphasizes his sorrow but insists he cannot take any more. He also points out his belief that things would be exactly the same next year even if he stayed on.

Many may argue that Aberavon's plight is an indictment of the system now operating in Welsh rugby. Certainly James's words highlight a widening chasm in rugby, not just in Wales but the British Isles, between clubs who can afford to make generous enticements to players and those unwilling or unable to do so.

Midlands make four changes

By David Hands

The Midlands pleasure at acquiring a warm-up game against the United States Eagles at Bedford this evening has been diluted by the changes in personnel they have had to make to their side. While the backs have remained largely undisturbed, the forwards have lost both props, a lock and a flanker.

Linnett and Pearce, the first-choice props, have been replaced by Redfern and Smith; Bayfield, the 6ft 10in Rosslyn Park lock, has gone, too, and Bowman (Rugby) comes into the side; and at flanker, Wells (Leicester) has withdrawn and Cook takes his place.

The Americans, on the way to Moscow for a round-robin tournament against the USSR, Romania and Poland, have with them all but one of the XV that beat Canada 28-16 in June, breaking a sequence of Canadian victories.

MIDLANDS: R Byrom (Nottingham); B Evans (Leicester), G Hartley (Nottingham), I Bates (Leicester), S Hackney (Nottingham); S Hodgkinson (Nottingham), S Robson (Moseley); S Redfern (Leicester), B Moore (Nottingham), G Smith (Moseley), P Cook (Nottingham), J Orwin (Bedford), P Bowman (Rugby), G Rees (Nottingham), D Richards (Leicester).

Carr given surprise by Ulster

By George Ace

Mild surprise mingled with admiration greeted the news that Nigel Carr was back in the Ulster team that meets the South of Scotland at Ravenhill on Friday at 7.30.

The surprise expressed in some quarters was as to why Carr should be subjected to such an exacting examination after only a few friendly fixtures following the bomb incident at the Irish border 18 months ago and the operation on his knee after a two-match comeback attempt last season.

The admiration was universal. His unquenchable spirit and the fierce determination he has displayed throughout his career have won him a very special place in Irish hearts.

Carr is one of two changes to the side that defeated Yorkshire. In the front row, Smith, of Ballymena, takes over as the hooker from McDonald, of Malone. Carr replaces McBride, also of Malone.

ULSTER: P Rainey (Ballymena); T Ringland (Ballymena), J Hewitt (London Irish), W Harbinson (London Irish), K Crossan (Instonians); I Brown (Malone), R Brady (Ballymena); W Reynolds (Malone), S Sm

THE TIMES OLYMPICS GUIDE

Continuing a sport-by-sport preview of the Games, which start on Saturday

Game stalked by the ghost of a Montagu

By Richard Eaton

It is perhaps appropriate that the Olympic debut of table tennis has been preceded by months of debate as to whether it should take place in capitalist Seoul or communist Pyongyang. The founder president of the Games ruling body was an English aristocrat converted to communism, the Hon Ivor Montagu.

Ever since then table tennis had been building bridges across the world's biggest political chasm, wherever it appears.It was responsible for the "ping-pong diplomacy" by which China and the United States reached political *rapprochement* in the early 1970s, and when table tennis went to Pyongyang for the 1979 world championships, it took with it the first major influx from the western world since the Korean War.

With table tennis a big sport in both North and South Korea, it had cherished hopes, if distant ones, of bringing about during these Olympics the first free flow of people across the 38th Parallel for more than 30 years. It will be satisfied instead with attracting people through its dynamism and delicacy, its simplicity and easy intelligibility.

These qualities, plus its cheapness and accessibility to ordinary folk, helped the game make a massive impact in China, the sport's leading nation, where it is played in schools and factories, sometimes with makeshift bats and tables, and even on purpose-built concrete rectangles in the open air.

Montagu's ghost will stalk the Olympics. The game he helped popularize has spread to more than 130 nations and every continent. He spoke 10 languages, was a film script writer, and won the Lenin Peace Prize. His dazzling if eccentric personality made him the father of table tennis. He would have been curious, but probably accepting, of the marriage of his offspring with the Olympic movement.

It was Montagu's successor, the eloquent Welshman, Roy Evans, who was the match-maker, and Ichiro Ogimura, the former world champion from Japan, who will lead table tennis up the aisle. Ogimura is only the third president in the ITTF's 60-year history and the first non-Briton. But despite the colossal British influence on the game, it has not prospered here.

Some have even blamed Montagu for that. The very qualities that elsewhere have helped make table tennis a huge success may here have held it back. Its image has been downmarket, shabby, small-time, lacking respectability.

But it has certainly made an upturn in the last 18 months and with Desmond Douglas, Alan Cook and Carl Prean in the singles, and Douglas and Skylet Andrew in the doubles, Britain has good outside chances of Olympic medals.

The Chinese will be favourites to take most golds, even though the gap between them and the others has been narrowed, notably by the Swedes, Poles and Koreans, and despite the sensational withdrawal of the women's world champion, He Zhili. She claimed she was withdrawn for refusing to throw a match in the world championships. We have long known the Chinese threw matches. We have never known one to talk about it publicly before.

PROGRAMME

September 23-28: men's and women's singles and doubles groups start. September 29-October 1: knockout stages and finals.

BRITISH TEAM

Skylet Andrew, Alan Cooke, Desmond Douglas, Carl Prean, Donald Parker.

Kurka will take aim on Cooper

By Our Shooting Correspondent

Malcolm Cooper, who won Britain's first gold medal at the Los Angeles Olympics, has to meet the toughest opposition yet in the three-positions rifle event at Seoul if he is to repeat the performance.

The big challenge comes from Petr Kurka, of Czechoslovakia, who set a world record of *1,183 in the world* championships, also in Seoul, last year.

Cooper has reached this level in "non-record" shoots and is capable of top form when the chips are down. Facing not only Kurka but top marksmen like Jean-Pierre Amat (France), Viktor Vlasov (Soviet Union), and Norbert Sturny (Switzerland), he will be stretched to the limit.

Alister Allan who won the prone bronze in 1984 had been the first man to take the world record to 600, the highest possible, as far back as *1981. It* has been equalled by 13 others since and several of them will be shooting against Allan in Seoul.

He and Cooper are both shooting all three rifle events and under the new international shooting procedures every event has to be followed by a final between the top eight. So a medal now requires a sort of "double-take" because the result is taken on aggregate. It calls for even more effort than the Games of the past.

Both the three positions and prone competitions should be interesting as the first fully open field for some years. British shooters did not go to Moscow and the Russians stayed away from Los Angeles.

PROGRAMME

September 18: air rifle, free pistol, clay target trap. September 19: small-bore prone, sport pistol precision, sport pistol rapid fire, clay target trap. September 20: air rifle, clay target trap. September 21: air pistol, small-bore standard rifle. September 22: rapid fire pistol, small-bore free rifle, running game target, clay target skeet. September 23: rapid-fire pistol, running game target, clay target skeet. September 24: air pistol, clay target skeet.

BRITISH TEAM

Alister Allan and Malcolm Cooper (small-bore prone, small-bore three positions and air rifle), Adrian Breton (rapid fire pistol), Sarah Cooper (women's three positions and air rifle), Ken Harman (skeet), Paul Leatherdale (free pistol), Ian Peel (trap), Margaret Thomas (sport pistol).

TOMORROW: volleyball and wrestling

John Goodbody on why chemists are losing ground in the race against doping at Seoul

How drug abuse will win the day

Seoul

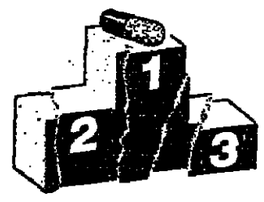
Many competitors at the Olympic Games will not only beat their honest rivals, they will also beat the most sophisticated testing system in international sport.

Of the 1,600 urine samples that will be analysed at a £3 million centre for identifying illicit substances during the fortnight of the Games, probably less than one per cent will register positive. That has been the success rate at previous Olympics and there is no reason to suppose it will be improved here.

The rate is even less than the average of two per cent positive recorded last year in all the International Olympic Committee accredited laboratories, analysing 37,000 samples throughout the world.

But as Professor Arne Lundqvist, of Sweden, the president of the medical commission of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), said here yesterday: "This is just the tip of the iceberg. Like all illicit activity, people invent new ways of escaping detection. We would be naive to think we could have a foolproof system. We take action to minimize the risk."

Two weeks ago, Peter Coni, in announcing his report into drug abuse in British athletics, said that it would be a brave man who did not consider that a figure of 10 per cent



of drug taking at the top level of the sport was impossible. His surmise is close to the opinion of Prince Alexandre de Merode, of Belgium, president of the medical commission of the IOC, which considers that it is 6 per cent across all the sports in the Games.

Consider the evidence of just last week:

● Three weightlifters have been barred from the Canadian weightlifting team and suspended for two years after a positive test for hormone drugs. They included Jacques Demers, a silver medal winner in Los Angeles, who was arrested in 1883 for smuggling steroids into Canada and in 1986 was barred from the Commonwealth Games for suspected drug abuse. He was acquitted on both occasions.

● Belgium dropped two members of its Olympic track cycling team from the Games after the riders were positively tested for drugs.

● Four Italian cyclists including two world professional champions, have also been positively tested.

Sir Arthur Gold, of Britain, speaking at yesterday's symposium on drug abuse, repeated his favourite saying that the only people who will be caught here will be the "careless or the ill-advised".

He is right to stress these words because those competitors taking banned substances are usually extremely careful to avoid detection.

Those who take steroids will come off the drug, which helps a competitor to increase muscular body weight and recover more quickly from intensive training, several weeks before an event. Traces of the drug will have left the individual by the time of the Games, although most of the benefits will remain.

Only a few countries, including Sweden, Norway and Britain, have tried to counter this practice by having out-of-season competition testing. But during the period off steroids, some competitors have the option of switching to Human Growth Hormone (HGH), for which there is no reliable test. Professor Arnold Beckett, of the medical commission of the IOC, regrets that at the moment there is not a "cat in hell's chance of determining the misuse of HGH", although many people believe that its benefit is limited.

HGH, which was originally produced from human cadavers, has been used for the last 25 years to treat children with growth-hormone deficiency but it is available on the black market in both Britain and the United States. Last year a supply worth about £50,000 disappeared from the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children.

Competitors may, in any case, be able to mask hormone drugs by simultaneously taking other substances. When several American athletes began taking Probenecid, a designer drug manufactured largely for the treatment of gout, the IAAF banned its use.

But as Professor Beckett recognizes, other masking drugs may be used. "There is so far a lack of sufficient investigation."

One may be some contraceptive pills which contain a substance, norethisterone, which can hide the presence of hormone drugs. The IOC medical commission is to examine this problem again.

Competitors in events requiring stamina can also use the practice of "blood doping" or "blood packing", in which competitors have at least a pint of their blood drawn and refrigerated. The competitor then makes up the deficiency through natural regeneration and just before the event the stored blood is injected back into the competitor's body, thus giving him extra oxygen-carrying resources, useful particularly for long-distance events.

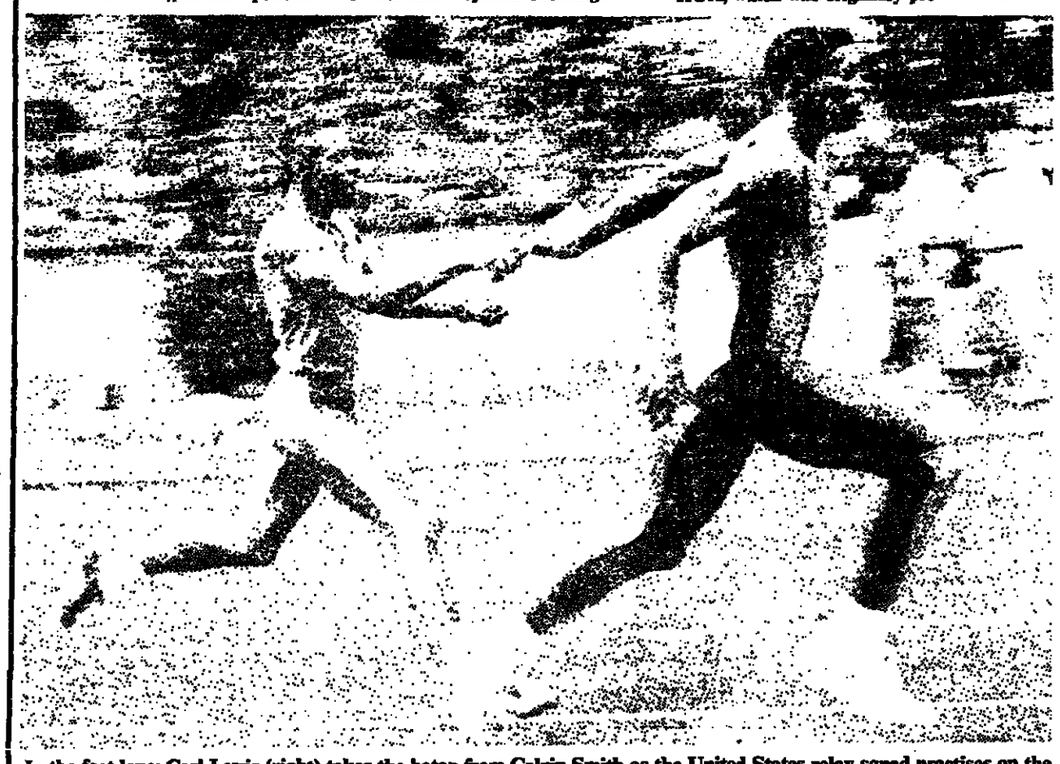
The practice has been admitted by one Finnish long-distance runner and the American cycling team of the 1984 Olympics. Although it is outlawed, Professor Beckett admits there is no reliable test now or in the immediate future for blood doping.

But it could become superfluous since competitors can use Erythropoietin, which produces red blood cells. The drug will soon become commercially available and at present is neither outlawed nor detectable.

The struggle seems endless. But occasionally there are successes. Four years ago, Martti Vainio, of Finland, was positive for steroids and stripped of his 10,000 metres silver medal. Members of the medical commission were surprised at the carelessness.

Now it is believed that although he did stop taking steroids several weeks before the Games, he was also "blood doped" and when the blood was reinfused before Los Angeles it contained traces of the hormone drug he had been employing for training when the pint was withdrawn several months earlier.

Occasionally the testers do win a gold medal at the Olympic Games.



In the fast lane: Carl Lewis (right) takes the baton from Calvin Smith as the United States relay squad practises on the track at the Nihon Aerobics Centre near Tokyo, where they and the British are preparing. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Morgan dispels flabby myths

By Mick Cleary

David Morgan has got an image problem. "I am glad you are bringing a photographer," he said. "It'll show people that we're not fat, flabby plodders who hump a few weights about."

As if to emphasize his point, he opened the door of his house in Cambridge on a chilly morning wearing nothing but a tracksuit bottom. He was not fat, he was not flabby, and, having broken 11 seconds for the 100 metres, he is no plodder.

The trim and tapered-waist figure of Morgan is sharply at odds with the common misconception of weightlifters as lubberly freaks who pump iron and preen, but he has lived with all that for 10 years.

You would think that a man who has won countless British titles, two Commonwealth gold medals and a fourth place in the Los Angeles Olympics would have become inured to backbiting asides. "Oh, you're a weightlifter, are you? You're not that big. Don't you take steroids then?" But he has not.

"They see one big fat guy and they think we are all like that," he said. "In all probability he was a powerlifter or a body-builder, anyway, and people just don't know the difference."

It is not a sport at which Britain excels, with only two silver medals and two brouzes to go with a gold in 1896. Morgan, aged 23, a light-heavyweight (82.5kg). is on the threshold of adding to that meagre haul.

Mention drugs and the cheery features cloud over. His answer is swift and to the point.

"To my mind, a lot of these people who trumpet about drugs are just self-righteous and blinkered. Why don't they do something positive with all the money they're spending. Like investing in facilities or encouraging youngsters rather than going round on their holier-than-thou crusade?"

The defiant, hostile glare is the look of one who is thoroughly annoyed with having his prodigious efforts in training and competition constantly undermined by the slur of syringe and pills. He even defends his rivals in the Eastern bloc with vehemence.

The British federation, without a sponsor, lives by the dictum of its director of coaching, John Lear, that: "The amount of weight lifted is in direct proportion to the amount of state aid granted."

Grateful as they are for what they do get, not much has been listed in recent times. The social security Giro on the sideboard testifies to Morgan's financial hardship. His twice-daily training is done in the sparse back room of a swimming pool, for which he pays £2 a week.

Apart from a tatty transistor radio he has no company as he pushes himself through the sessions. It is a lonely pursuit. He will escape it this October when he does a year's sports diploma course at Moray House college, in Edinburgh.

Even that venture has been blighted with money problems. After a long wait for his grant cheque he was asked to attend an interview. "I can't make it," he explained. "I am going to the Olympics." "Can't make it," came the po-faced reply. "Have you got your priorities right?" He thinks he has, but he is beginning to wonder.



Morgan: far from a plodder

Sofia could expect reciprocal support

From David Miller
Seoul

The Princess Royal, formally introduced into the International Olympic Committee as a new member here yesterday, has to make up her mind within the next 48 hours where to cast her vote for the 1994 Winter Olympic Games. In her first IOC decision, she and her colleagues are faced with a moral sporting issue: whether to vote on winter sport credentials or on the continuing unity of the movement she has just joined.

There are four candidates to stage the Games two years after Albertville, with the introduction of the summer and winter Games alternating at two-year intervals: Sofia, the favourite and second last time to Albertville; Ostersund, of Sweden; Lillehammer, of Norway, and Anchorage, Alaska. The Princess, who has visited none of the sites, is due to meet the respective delegates before the vote on Thursday.

The differences in choice are clearly defined. Sofia, who have an admirably compact bid within a 12-mile span, offer scope for development of winter sport in a new region, and a capital, international city's facilities. They competed in the inaugural Games of 1896 yet have never staged a Games.

Ostersund and Lillehammer are each the quintessence of European, and especially Scandinavian, winter sports. A Games at either would be a delight, such is their traditional ambience in countries where almost every other person skis and where sporting ideals are taken for granted. Sweden have bid six times for the Winter Games without success; Norway last had them in 1952.

The critical factor, however, was raised indirectly in Juan Antonio Samaranch's speech at yesterday's opening of the Session, when he referred to the six nations, primarily North Korea and Cuba, who have "deemed it necessary to stay away", manipulating and sacrificing their athletes "to support higher interests". He cited the liberty and right of individuals to be heard and decide for themsleves.

Furthermore, Samaranch referred to "the truly extraordinary development" that has taken place in South Korea during preparation for the current Games, implying the Games were partially contributory. By implication, he was clearly complimenting the socialist world for agreeing to attend the Games in Seoul.

What is identifiable in the corridors of the IOC hotel here these past few days is a mood that, in recognition of the astonishing unity that has been achieved with the attendance of 161 nations at these Games following three successive major boycotts, the Winter Games vote should go to Sofia in order to preserve good will and the future of the Olympic movement: a vote for *glasnost*.

That might seem unfair to Ostersund and Lillehammer, who have a right to be judged on their own merit; though Sofia's bid is itself wholly worthy, and their committee has been less pushy than, say, Ostersund's. Yet IOC members with whom I have spoken, some 30 or so, acknowledge the unity factor, while simultaneously questioning whether the socialist bloc should receive support for not staging a boycott.

Against this is an equal suspicion that, as in the Lausanne vote two years ago for 1992, Sofia will lead initially, and the Scandinavian vote will solidify around one candidate when the other is eliminated, thereby jumping over Sofia. Anchorage and Lillehammer are expected to be eliminated first, leaving a duel between Sofia and Ostersund. If the Eastern European/Asian/Africa vote holds up, Sofia may edge home.

No one quite knows where lies the South American allegiance. A marked change from the scene in Lausanne has been the absence of excessive entertaining and elaborate exhibition stands, encouraging Manchester to believe that the decision on 1996 will not be a question of alleged social bribery.

Diplomatic gain for Manchester

Seoul — Robert Scott, son of an ambassador, scored his first success in Manchester's Olympic bid for 1996 yesterday with his address to the executive board of the IOC (David Miller writes). With two years to go to the decision at the 1990 session in Tokyo, there was little to be gained yesterday but much that might have been lost.

The Board was impressed with the scope and flexibility of Manchester's bid. Why not, for instance, exploit the Olympic-standard swimming pool which Sheffield intend to build for the 1991 World Student Games only 35 miles away?

Olympic bids are about tactics and subtlety: Athens yesterday got off on the wrong foot by turning up with a committee of 12 instead of the scheduled six.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Olympic City Giants 117 (Scott 29, Crosby 27), Dicham Celtics 84 (Lewis 37, Cooper 21); Sunderland 90 (Saunders 32, Lynch 19), Crystal Palace 82 (Reshaw 28, Ryan 22).

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Cleveland Indians 4, Boston Red Sox 2; New York Yankees 5, Detroit Tigers 4 (18 innings); Baltimore Orioles 4, Toronto Blue Jays 2; Chicago White Sox 3, Minnesota Twins 2; Oakland A's 8, Kansas City Royals 7 (11 innings); Milwaukee Brewers 5, Seattle Mariners 3; Texas Rangers 8, California Angels 3. National League: Philadelphia Phillies 7, Pittsburgh Pirates 4; St Louis Cardinals 3, Chicago Cubs 2; New York Mets 3, Montreal Expos 0; San Diego Padres 8, Atlanta Braves 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 5, Cincinnati Reds 3; Houston Astros 4, San Francisco Giants 1.

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston Red Sox	79	63	.556	—
New York Yankees	75	66	.532	3½
Detroit Tigers	76	67	.531	3½
Milwaukee Brewers	76	69	.524	4½
Toronto Blue Jays	72	71	.503	7½
Cleveland Indians	69	73	.486	10
Baltimore Orioles	51	90	.362	27½
West Division				
Oakland A's	91	63	.632	—
Minnesota Twins	79	63	.556	11
Kansas City Royals	75	68	.524	15½
California Angels	73	71	.507	18
Texas Rangers	63	79	.444	27
Chicago White Sox	61	80	.433	28½
Seattle Mariners	58	85	.406	32½

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York Mets	85	56	.603	—
Pittsburgh Pirates	75	66	.532	10
Montreal Expos	71	71	.500	14½
St Louis Cardinals	70	73	.490	16
Chicago Cubs	68	74	.479	17½
Philadelphia Phillies	57	85	.401	28½
Western Division				
L Angeles Dodgers	81	60	.574	—
Houston Astros	77	66	.538	5
Cincinnati Reds	74	68	.521	7½
San Diego Padres	72	69	.511	9
S Francisco Giants	72	71	.503	10
Atlanta Braves	49	92	.348	32

BOARDSAILING

DUNMORE EAST, Ireland: Scaltwincts world division one championships: Third race, bennyweight: 1, G Cribb (GB); 2, P Keogh (GB); 3, Julian Anderson (Ire). Overall positions: 1, Cribb; 2, Anderson; less after three races: 1, Cribb; 2, Anderson; 3, Keeping. Lightweight: 1, J Hutchcroft (GB); 2, James Anderson (GB); 3, A Dakin (GB). Overall: 1, Hutchcroft; 2, Anderson; 3, C Phelan. Women: 1, R Medd; 2, R Evans; 3, J Moore. Overall: 1, Medd (GB); 2, R Evans (GB); 3, J S Cooper (GB).

BOWLS

TIVERTON: Tessitire West of England championships: Singles: Quarter-finals: D Bryant (Eng) bt M Anstey (Wal), 21-13; D Denison (Eng) bt W Richards (Eng), 21-19; A Allcock (Eng) bt A Bear (Wal), 21-12; P Line (Eng) bt P Bramfield (Eng), 21-7. Semi-finals: Bryant bt Denison, 21-18; Line bt Allcock, 21-16. Final: Bryant bt Line 21-12.

BRISTOL: Bristol and West EBA under-25 singles championship: Quarter-finals: M King (Hunstanton, Norfolk) bt R Freeman (Farnham, Surrey), 21-5; L Prince (Preston Manor, Sussex) bt S Letts (West End, Northants), 21-19; I Boyle (Bart Keech, Yorkshire) bt G Grassi (High Wycombe, Bucks), 21-18; D Harding (Cheltenham Spa, Glos) bt C Ward (Banwell, Somerset), 21-20. Semi-finals: Boyle beat Harding 21-16; King beat Prince 21-17. Final: Boyle beat King 21-16.

CYCLING

FOURMIES, France: Grand Prix race (226 km): 1, E Bafcop (Bel), 6hr 11min 23sec; 2, S Kelly (Ire); 3, D de Mol (Bel), all same time. British: 14, P Thomas, same time.

BRUSSELS: Tour of the European Community: Fourth stage (161 km): 1, P Peyramaure (Fr), 3hr 34min 22sec; 2, M Vasseur (Cz), at (Fr), 3hr 34min 22sec; 2, M Vasseur (Cz), at same time; 3, C Daems (Bel), 1:30. Leading positions: 1, G Rue (Fr), 11:30:25; 2, O Lunvik (Nor), at 1:09; 3, B van Itterbeck (Bel), 1:13. British: 12, J McLoughlin, 2:29.

FENCING

KREFELD, West Germany: Junior international (British winners): Boys: U-11 foil: 1, A Radia (Sussex House School). U-13 foil: 1, K Baydoun (Sussex House School). Girls: U-13 foil: 1, E Kurzner (Ipswich). U-15 foil: 1, B Condor (Polytechic of Central London club).

FOOTBALL

AFRICAN CHAMPIONS CUP: Quarter-finals, first leg: FC 105 (Gabon) 3, Entente Setif (Alg) 1; Rangers Bees (Nigeria) 4, Ferroviario (Angola) 2.

SOFTBALL

GREENHAM COMMON: National Men's Championship: Final: London Chiefs 26, Frome 2.

SWIMMING

CRYSTAL PALACE: Speedo National Inter-League Cups 1, City of Leeds, 282.5pts; 2, Portsmouth Normsea, 279; 3, Beckenham, 256.5.

TENNIS

LTA/VOLKSWAGEN RANKINGS TOURNAMENTS: At Wimbledon: Men, semi-finals: C Clarke bt A Yorke, 7-5, 9-5, 6-3; M Murapé bt P Gaynford, 6-1, 8-5, 7-5. Final: Clarke bt P Gaynford, 6-1, 8-5, 7-5. Women, (Bucks) bt Murape (Lancs), 6-2, 8-3. Women, semi-finals: K Hunter bt E Hales, 6-4, 6-3. Final: Hunter (Surrey) bt J Wilson (Surrey), 6-2, 6-0. At Dutfield: Final: P Ranson bt A Brookhead, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

GOLF

FRANKLIN, Wisconsin: Greater Milwaukee Open tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 268: K Green, 70, 69, 61, 68. 274: M Calcavecchia, 71, 66, 68, 69; D Pohl 70 72 66 66; J Gallagher, 67, 67, 72, 68; D Hammond, 68, 69, 68, 69. 275: N Price (Zim), 70, 71, 67, 67. 276: T Simpson, 70, 70, 70, 66; C Pavin, 66, 72, 70, 68; D Ogrin, 70, 66, 70, 70; D Barr, 66, 68, 69, 73.

PORTLAND, Oregon: Portland Open women's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 213: B King, 71, 70, 72. 214: C Walker, 68, 77, 69. 215: S Sanders, 68, 76, 71; M Beauvelder, 72, 71, 72. 216: J Rosenthal, 70, 77, 69; S Turner, 73, 72, 71; P Hammel, 70, 72, 71.

EUROPEAN ORDER OF MERIT (GB and Ireland unless stated): 1, S Ballesteros (Sp), £286,742; 2, N Faldo, £251,268; 3, I Woosnam, £193,643; 4, J-M Olazabal (Sp), £169,164; 5, M McNulty (Zim); £151,269; 6, M James, £132,873; 7, A Lyle, £123,874; 8, G Brand jnr, £114,794; 9, J Rivero (Sp), £108,395; 10, B Lane, £108,331.

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus), 1,382pts; 2, A Lyle (GB), 1,337; 3, S Ballesteros (Sp), 1,282; 4, N Faldo (GB), 1,053; 5, C Strange (US), 1,000; 6, I Woosnam (GB), 942.

HOCKEY

VILLENEUVE D'ASCQ, France: Intercontinental Cup: Qualifying matches: Austria 4, Italy 2; France 3 Scotland 1 (France qualify for 1989 men's Intercontinental Cup in US)

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: City Rifle Club Championships: Shrewsbury Statuettes (Open): 1, J Warburton (Huddersfield) 442; 2, P Medhurst (City) 440; 3, M Brister (City) 439. Hampdon Trophy (Closed): 1, Medhurst 440; 2, Brister 439; 3, V Carpenter 439. Dear Stalker Cup (Non-X Aggregate): D Collins 435. Tyro Championship: D Johnson 398

SNOOKER

GLASGOW: WPBSA Satellite Tournament: Quarter-finals: G Wilkinson bt P Francisco 5-2; D Roe bt E Sinclair 5-1; A Higgins bt W Werdenius 5-2, D Morgan bt M Clark 5-3.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Berwick 48, Hackney 48; Mildenhall 52½, Arena Essex 43½; Rye House 48, Middlesbrough 48

INTER-LEAGUE CHALLENGE MATCH: Second leg: Kings Lynn 59, Peterborough 49 (Kings Lynn win on agg: 110-98)

SQUASH RACKETS

STOCKTON: Stockton Open championship: Semi-finals: G Williams (Sussex) bt R Owen (Avon), 8-10, 9-7, ret; P Marshall (Leics) bt M Baker (Surrey), 8-10, 9-7, 9-7, 9-3.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

CRICKET

Mike Gatting/Jack Richards Benefit match

BERKHAMSTED: Middlesex v Surrey (2.0 one day).

FOOTBALL

Under-21 International

England v Denmark (Watford FC) ..

European Under 21 championship

Group five

Norway v Scotland (Drammen, 4.30)

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Northwich .....
Enfield v Maidstone .....
Newport v Yeovil .....
Runcorn v Macclesfield .....
Stafford v Aylesbury .....
Sutton Utd v Fisher .....

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Derby v Liverpool: Everton v Blackburn; Manchester United v Huddersfield; Sheffield Wednesday v Nottingham Forest; *Sunderland v Barnsley. Second division:* Notts County v Wigan (7.30); Oldham v Bradford; Preston v Port Vale; Rotherham v Bolton.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION (2.0): Ipswich v Watford (3.0); Reading v Portsmouth; Swindon v West Ham.

CAPITAL FINANCE AND LEASING SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Swansea v Torquay (2.0).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City v South Liverpool; Barrow v Fleetwood; Gainsborough v Worksop; Goole v Buxton; Marine v Rhyl; Matlock v Shepshed; Southport v *Caernarfon; Stalybridge v Witton.*

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton v Cambridge City; Crawley v Dover; Dartford v Waterlooville; Gosport v Bath. Midland division: Ashtree Highfield v Hednesford; Bilston v Rushden; Coventry Sporting v Stourbridge; Forest Green v Nuneaton Borough; Grantham v Mile Oak; Spalding v King's Lynn. Southern division: Andover v Trowbridge; Baldock v Buckingham; Burnham v Bury; Corinthian v Thanet; Erith and Belvedere v Hastings; Folkestone v Ruislip; Gravesend and Northfleet v Witney.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division north: Hemel Hempstead v Clapton; Hornchurch v Saffron Walden. AC Delco Cup: Preliminary round replay: Maidenhead United v Feltham. First round: Barking v Slough; Barton v Hitchin; Bishop's Stortford v Windsor and Eton; Bracknell v Worthing; Harrow Borough v Hayes; Hendon v Wembley; Heybridge v Croydon; Hungerford v Flackwell Heath; Kingsbury v Newbury; Kingsonian v Grays; Leytonstone/Ilford v Collier Row; St Albans v Epsom and Ewell; Southwick v Marlow; Staines v Dagenham; Tilbury v Chalfont St Peter; Tooting and Mitcham v Leyton-Wingate; Vauxhall Motors v Dorking; Ware v Hampton; Whyteleafe v Woking; Witham v Carshalton; Wivenhoe v Leatherhead; Wokingham v Metropolitan Police.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham v Bristol Manor Farm; Clevedon v Marlgotsfield: Liskeard v Dawish (7.45); Paulton v Frome; Plymouth Argyle v Barnstaple; Swanage and Herston v Radstock (7.45).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Cardiff v British Columbia (7.0); Midlands XV v US Eagles (Bedford, 7.15).

CLUB MATCH: Coventry v Moseley (7.15).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Wilson PGA junior championship (Selsdon Park Hotel).

MOTOR SPORT: Tudor Webasto Manx rally (Douglas).

POWERBOATING: Guernsey International week.

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: C4 5-6 p.m.: National Football League: Highlights of New York Giants v San Francisco 49ers and Miami Dolphins v Buffalo Bills.

ATHLETICS: BBC2 7.20-8 p.m.: David Hemery: A look back at David Hemery's 400 metres hurdles win at the Mexico Olympic Games in 1968.

BASEBALL: C4 2-3 a.m. (tomorrow): Major League: New York Yankees v Detroit Tigers.

BOWLS: BBC2 10 a.m.-12.30 p.m., 1.35-2, 3-5 p.m. Highlights, 11.45 p.m.-12.10 a.m.: Greenall Whitley crown green handicap from the Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool.

OLYMPIC GAMES: ITV 1-2 a.m. (tomorrow): For the Honour of Their Country: Kenya and Mexico at the Olympic games.

GENERAL: C4 12-2 a.m. (tomorrow): Running Late: Sporting discussion.

Krishnan injured

Delhi (AFP) — Ramesh Krishnan, the Indian No. 1, has pulled out of his country's Olympic tennis squad because of a shoulder injury.

YACHTING

Lowly placing ends hopes for sole Briton

Juno, the sole British yacht competing in the One Ton Cup off San Fransisco, finished a disappointing 22nd at the end of the 250-mile offshore race and is out of contention for the championship (Barry Pickthall writes).

The Humphreys design, which was badly damaged in a collision three weeks ago during the Kenwood Cup off Hawaii, rounded the first mark fifth but ran into calms off the Farollen Islands and finished 16 hours behind the winner, Propaganda, of New Zealand.

The victory gave Propaganda, which finished eight hours ahead of the Australian yacht, Sagacious, a significant points lead in the championship

RESULTS: Second race: 1, Propaganda (R Dodson, NZ); 2, Sagacious (G Appleby, Aus); 3, Fram X (Prince Harald, Nor); 4, Pendragon (J MacLaurin, US); 5, Rush (T Stark, US. British: 22, Juno (A Hurst).

French denied clean sweep

Sodifac won the 236-mile race of the Rank Xerox Half Ton Cup being sailed from Poole, with EJP4 Concorde, another of the French boats, second (Malcolm McKeag writes).

Total French domination was prevented by two older, slower, British boats — Harmony and Insatiable — being sailed just as well.

RESULTS: Long off-shore race: 1, Sodifac (G Trantesaux, Fr); 2, EJP4 Concorde (P and S Gautier, Fr); 3, Harmony (P Dyer, GB); 4, Skipper Elf Aquitaine (A Lebec, Fr); 5, Insatiable (M Healey, GB); 6, EJP3 (N Duzend, Fr). Other British: 7, Tom Bombadil II, 11 Sorceress; 12, Chia Chia; Rat, Lima Hi-Fi.

STUDENT SPORT

Footballers hoping to establish a new trend

By Yuri Matischen

The British Colleges, the British Polytechnics and British Universities will compete in a football triangular tournament at Birmingham University from September 24 to 26. The event has been revitalized and it is hoped will set a trend for new challenges in other sports, particularly where there is a world student championship.

The colleges include five players from St Paul's and St Mary's College. Their captain and midfield player, Steve Dudley, was a professional with Gillingham before starting college. For the polytechnics, Paul Archer, a defender, of Sheffield, played in the 1987 world student games

BRITISH COLLEGES: I Moore, S Vaughan (Crewe and Alsager), S Carter, M Haycocks, R Davies, E O'Leary, S Dudley (capt) (St Paul's and St Mary's), I Williams, D Hall (West London Institute), S Nuttall, R Sandell (South Glamorgan), P Woods (Trinity and All Saints), R Diebell (De La Salle), R Brough (Ripon and York), C Rose (King Alfred).

BRITISH POLYTECHNICS: G Curry (capt), P Archer, A Derbyshire, M Ferguson, R Harris, S Hawkes (Shetfield), S Bradshaw (North London), R Dawsen, C Gordon, G Peat, G Peters (Newcastle), D Hatfield (Huddersfield), D Holdeworth (North Staffs), P Mallorett (Kingston), S Oakes, G Truram (Leeds), D Richardson (Liverpool), M Snowball (Leicester).

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES: A Mayfield (Aberystwyth), P Bowdan, A Elks (Swansea), J Dunn (Glasgow), P Kenworthy (Warwick), A Comyn (Birmingham), D Gerrard (King's, London), M Daly, G Link, Z Costa, K Campbell (Oxford), S Palmer (Cambridge), R Boyle (Ulster), G Tamblyn-Jones (Bradford), G Ap Sion (Bangor), A Bryce (Aberdeen).

VOLLEYBALL

Malory left in lurch

Malory, who won the men's league, cup and supercup treble in England last season, have no sponsor as they prepare for the new campaign starting this weekend (writes Roddy Mackenzie). The London club had set up a sponsorship deal, believed to be worth about £10,000, but the arrangement fell through at the eleventh hour, leaving Malory with considerable problems as they prepare for their first European venture.

"We had already booked Crystal Palace for the first leg of our European Cup match against Hapoel on November 5, when we learned that the sponsorship had fallen through. We estimate two European matches will cost us over £4,000 and it now means we'll need to ask our players to contribute £300 each to fly to Israel for the second leg," John Nash, the Malory coach, said. "Quite frankly, I see us going to Israel with only half a team because some of the players won't be able to afford the trip."

Malory's opening league match, against Polonia on Thursday, has been postponed, which means that they open the defence of their title against Liverpool on September 24.

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Rocastle comes in as crowd draw

By Dennis Signy

David Rocastle, one of the five Arsenal players in Bobby Robson's England squad for tomorrow's game at Wembley against Denmark, had his place in the side confirmed early yesterday.

Rocastle, who signed a long-term contract last week committing himself to Arsenal into the 1990s, was named by Robson as the man who might help generate interest in a match that has so far produced advance sales of just over 3,000 and may provide Wembley with the lowest ever attendance.

Robson described the 21-year-old graduate of the England under-21 side as "a good all-round player with tenacity in his make-up and flair on the ball". Rocastle, who was unaware of his selection at the time it was announced, is in the England party because of injury to Trevor Steven and in the side because of the unavailability of both John Barnes and Chris Waddle.

While Robson delays announcing how many newcomers will play against Denmark, he admitted he had left out one of England's best technical players in Glenn Hoddle to bring in youngsters. "Glenn had to make way for the kids, to provide a bit of space for some really emerging talent," Robson said. He admitted, though, he might have to go back to Hoddle "if we get sloshed at home".

Another of Arsenal's young players, Paul Merson, also earned international recognition yesterday with a place in the under-21 side meeting Denmark tonight at Watford's Vicarage Road ground. It is his first international call as the under-21s prepare for the start of their UEFA championship campaign next month.

Manchester City have four players in the side, Steve Redmond, winning his seventh cap, and Andy Hinchcliffe, Paul Lake and Ian Brightwell, each getting their first calls. Brightwell is the son of the former athletes, Robbie Brightwell and Ann Packer. His mother won a gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics in 1964.

ENGLAND UNDER-21: N Martyn (Bristol Rovers); C Cooper (Middlesbrough), A Hinchliffe (Manchester City), S Redmond (Manchester City), S Chettle (Nottingham Forest); P Lake (Manchester City), I Brightwell (Manchester City), V Samways (Tottenham), D Smith (Coventry); P Merson (Arsenal), D Hirst (Sheffield Wednesday).

McGrath deal

Terry Venables, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, has agreed a fee of £700,000 with Manchester United for Paul McGrath, the Republic of Ireland central defender. McGrath, aged 28, left the Eire training camp for tomorrow's World Cup game against Northern Ireland to discuss terms with Tottenham yesterday and, subject to his wife approval of the move to London, should sign today.

Worcestershire spin their way to sight of title

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

BRISTOL: Worcestershire (23pts) beat Gloucestershire (6) by 114 runs

Worcestershire, the team of the year, are now in full control of their destiny.

They will win the county championship for the first time in 14 seasons if they take maximum points from their final match, starting tomorrow, against the bottom club, Glamorgan.

The frustration of Kent at Lord's yesterday was music to the ears of the Worcestershire players as they headed home, having swept aside Gloucestershire's resistance on a day of high emotion at Bristol.

Going into the final round of matches, Worcestershire lead Kent by one point, with Essex a further four points back.

It is a riveting finale, made all the more appealing by the games being played over four days, allowing them scope to evolve naturally.

Only the weather could realistically have deprived Worcestershire yesterday although Gloucestershire, their players stung by the insensitive removal of their captain, went down with guns blazing.

Curran made 57, punctuated with powerful drives, and when all seemed lost Russell and Lawrence, the England newcomers, shared a ninth-wicket stand of 61 in 11 overs.

The target of 342, however, had always been an improbable ambition on a pitch where spin had dominated from the opening day.

If anything it turned too much, too soon to be considered ideal, but it was a vast improvement on this season's unpalatable diet of green, uneven pitches. To see the slow bowlers sharing 32 of 40 wickets was a rare and refreshing treat. If Graveney, Sunday's hero and yesterday's martyr, was the most impressive of the four spinners on view, Illingworth played a substantial role in Worcestershire's victory.

His match figures of 10 for 132 were his best in the championship, and coupled with Lord's century in the second innings, added weight to the assertions of Neale, the captain, that Worcestershire's position is based on teamwork, not on Hick alone.

Illingworth struck with his first ball of the morning. He replaced Hick after Curran had taken 10 runs from the opening over and immediately had Alderman, the night-watchman, caught off bat and pad.

Bainbridge, whose resignation as vice-captain has erroneously been linked with Graveney's dismissal (it actually relates to the pressures of his benefit year) came in with a runner because of the foot injury he suffered on Sunday. For an hour, he and Curran sustained hopes of the unthinkable, putting on 55 before Bainbridge was a victim of his immobility.

Then the collapse set in. Lloyds was lbw, playing no shot to Hick bowling round the wicket. Curran's bristling innings ended with a catch behind and Radford's swift reactions accounted for Pooley as his top-edged sweep ricocheted off the wicket-keeper. When rain forced an early lunch, the end was in sight at 153 for eight.

Neale would probably have liked to call upon Dilley to fire out the tail but this was not possible. The England fast bowler was out of action, his troublesome knee causing him great discomfort and his driving desire to help overhaul his former club, Kent, frustrated.

So it was the slow men who continued and, for a time, took fierce punishment, 50 runs coming in 30 minutes before Lawrence mishit Illingworth to long-off.

Graveney's reception was stirring. There were only a few hundred people in the ground but they made enough noise for a few thousand. The affection and sympathy for the man was striking. He is out of a job but he was not out here, blocking determinedly until Russell's delightful cameo ended with a catch at mid-off.

Graveney dismissed, page 40

Britannic Assurance Championship table

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Worcs (9)	21	9	3	9	51	71	286
Kent (14)	21	9	5	7	53	68	265
Essex (12)	21	8	5	8	58	67	261
Surrey (4)	21	7	4	10	57	68	237
Notts (1)	21	8	7	6	31	69	224
Warwicks (15)	22	6	8	8	48	74	218
Middlesex (16)	22	7	9	12	49	54	215
Leics (3)	22	6	3	13	56	63	215
Lancashire (2)	21	6	7	8	37	66	207
Somerset (11)	21	5	5	11	45	62	195
Northants (7)	21	5	6	10	44	66	182
Glouc (10)	21	5	7	9	49	57	186
Derbyshire (6)	21	4	3	14	48	53	186
Yorkshire (8)	21	3	6	12	44	61	153
Sussex (17)	21	3	10	8	34	63	145
Hampshire (5)	21	3	6	12	31	65	144
Glamorgan (13)	21	1	7	13	40	51	107

@Nottinghamshire total includes 12pts for win in one-innings match. Somerset and Lancashire totals includes 4pts for drawn matches in which scores finished level. 1987 positions in brackets

REMAINING MATCHES: Tomorrow: Worcestershire v Glamorgan (Worcester); Kent v Surrey (Canterbury); Essex v Northamptonshire (Chelmsford).

WORCESTERSHIRE: 404 (G A Hick 121, P A Neale 102 not out; D A Graveney 8 for 127) and 199 (G J Lord 101; D A Graveney 6 for 38).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 262 (P Bainbridge 124; R K Illingworth 5 for 69).

Second Innings

A W Stovold c Weston b Pridgeon	0
A J Wright c Rhodes b Hick	39
P W Romaines c Radford b Hick	20
K M Curran c Rhodes b Illingworth	57
T M Alderman c Weston b Illingworth	0
P Bainbridge b Illingworth	27
J W Lloyds lbw b Hick	1
M W Pooley c Radford b Hick	0
†R C Russell c sub b Illingworth	41
D V Lawrence c Lord b Illingworth	29
D A Graveney not out	4
Extras (b 3, lb 2, nb 4)	9
Total	227

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-62, 3-71, 4-88, 5-143, 6-146, 7-152, 8-152, 9-213.

BOWLING: Radford 10-4-20-0; Pridgeon 9-1-25-1; Illingworth 35.1-13-63-5; Hick 32-9-114-4.

Umpires: A A Jones and J W Holder.



Appeal rejected: Ellison, of Kent, fails to find a way past Downton at Lord's yesterday

Kent fall behind in race after day of frustration

By Andrew Longmore

LORD'S: Middlesex (5pts) drew with Kent (7)

If Kent fail to win the championship this year, they will reflect on a day of frustration at Lord's yesterday. This was a match they really should have won but due to the weather, which cost a further 20 overs, a staunch Middlesex rearguard, led by a typical Downton 50, and an unusual loss of composure, they nearly lost.

In the end, Kent salvaged a draw as their final pair held out for six overs but they have lost their precious lead in the championship, albeit by just one point, and even if they win their last match against Surrey at Canterbury they will still have to rely on others' frailties to take the title. For the neutral, it is the best possible finale to the season; for the numerous Kent supporters at Lord's yesterday, it is purgatory.

But Kent had only themselves to blame. They had the best possible start, Gatting playing across the first ball of the day, and when, nine overs later, Fraser's off stump was removed, the Middlesex lead was just 127 and there was plenty of time left. But, as they have proved so often before, Emburey and Downton are a cussed pair and, though Cowdrey took the new ball immediately, they had added a precious 52 runs by lunch as the equation became tighter and the skies darker.

With 14 overs lost to rain just after lunch, Kent badly needed a breakthrough and, as so often this season, it came from Penn, who took a career best seven for 77. In the first over after the rain, he had Emburey leg before and four balls later ended a quixotic innings by Cowans, who was caught off a top edge by Tavaré sprinting like a greyhound from the slips to take a superb catch over his shoulder 15 yards in from the Tavern boundary. If Kent could have finished Middlesex off then, their target would have been a manageable four runs an over for 50 overs.

But just when they needed her most, Lady Luck turned her head away. Light drizzle became heavy rain, costing a further six overs as tea was taken early and Tufnell and Downton delayed matters with a last wicket stand of 46 in 17 overs.

Admittedly, Kent did not help themselves; though their fielding was as tigerish as ever, their bowling was rather less so. Cowdrey's misguided faith in Igglesden was only belatedly rewarded and, by giving the single to Downton to put more pressure on Tufnell, he only succeeded in taking the pressure off both. As a result, Tufnell doubled his previous best score and Kent were left an unlikely target of 230 in 29 overs.

To their credit, they had a go, reaching 50 for the loss of Hinks in seven overs, but the heroics ended there as six more wickets were lost in the next eight overs, Fraser ending up with five wickets.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 290 (J D Carr 92, R O Butcher 59; M R Ramprakash 54; R M Ellison 4 for 49).

Second Innings

W N Slack c Marsh b Penn	80
J D Carr c Ellison b Penn	60
*M W Gatting lbw b Igglesden	35
M R Ramprakash c Tavaré b Penn	4
R O Butcher lbw b Penn	11
M A Roseberry c Penn b C S Cowdrey	10
A R C Fraser b Penn	14
J E Emburey lbw b Penn	28
†P R Downton not out	59
N G Cowans c Tavaré b Penn	4
P C R Tufnell b Igglesden	20
Extras (b 8, lb 8, w 1, nb 11)	26
Total	351

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-151, 2-158, 3-165, 4-185, 5-219, 6-230, 7-249, 8-301, 9-305.

BOWLING: Igglesden 33.5-9-117-2; Penn 30-5-70-7; Ellison 27-7-80-0; Pennar 5-1-16-0; Harman 19-7-35-0; C S Cowdrey 11-1-19-1.

KENT: First Innings 412 (G R Cowdrey 86, M R Benson 81, C J Tavaré 78, N G Cowans 5 for 109).

Second Innings

M R Benson c Butcher b Fraser	25
S G Hinks b Fraser	23
R F Pienaar b Cowans	2
C J Tavaré c Tufnell b Emburey	11
*C S Cowdrey c Butcher b Fraser	5
G R Cowdrey lbw b Fraser	10
†S A Marsh c Ramprakash b Fraser	1
C Penn b Emburey	30
R M Ellison c Roseberry b Emburey	3
A P Igglesden not out	1
M D Marshall not out	0
Extras (b 7, lb 11)	18
Total (9 wkts)	129

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-52, 3-68, 4-73, 5-76, 6-92, 7-93, 8-128, 9-128.

BOWLING: Fraser 9-2-27-5, Cowans 4-0-30-1; Emburey 10-5-42-3; Tufnell 6-3-12-0.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and B Leadbeater.

Indians to decide on fate of tour

By Alan Lee

England's cricket authorities are perversely refusing to abandon the politically sabotaged tour of India. They made it plain yesterday that the fate of the tour is in the hands of their counterparts in India.

Alan Smith, chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board, emerged from talks with senior colleagues to issue an enigmatic statement. It said: "The TCCB have confirmed that the government of India has refused entry to eight players with South African links and the tour will be in jeopardy unless we agree to substitute those eight players with eight who have no sporting links with South Africa. A final decision will be taken by the Indian board at their meeting on September 24 and 25."

Although I understand the TCCB have repeatedly been frustrated in trying to contact officials in India, this is a curiously timid attitude which will do little to improve their public image.

Most cricket followers are thoroughly fed up with attempts to influence England's selection policy and would have been more impressed if the Board had simply issued a list of the selected players to the Indian Board and demanded assurance that they would all be acceptable.

If such a response was not forthcoming, within, say, 10 days, they could then have called off the tour on their own terms rather than suffer the inevitable indignity of being turned away like unwelcome guests.

Cardiff's hopes are dashed

Seoul — Cardiff's slim hopes of being awarded the 1994 Commonwealth Games yesterday declined still further because of the controversy over the England cricket tour of India

Chief Abraham Ordia, of Nigeria, a former president of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, said that the selection of eight cricketers who had played in South Africa would damage the vote for Cardiff when the decision is made here on Thursday.

The three candidates are Cardiff, Dehli and Victoria in British Columbia.

Black African nations now seem certain to support India in the voting of the Commonwealth Games Federation.

Chief Ordia said: "The selectors should have looked beyond their own interests before naming their side."

END COLUMN

Cosying up to a personal affront

By Simon Barnes

One's first reaction, of course, is that the England cricket selectors have achieved the impossible, and made an even crasser mess of their political responsibilities than they have of their sporting responsibilities throughout the summer.

Then one thinks again, and wonders: was this a bungle at all? Was not this latest political mess deliberately chosen. India deliberately provoked?

It all comes down to the vexed figure of Graham Gooch, England captain. He is probably the best cricketer in England. He is also renowned throughout the cricketing world for his links with South Africa.

He has spent a number of contented winters in South Africa, and of course, he was captain of the England "rebel" tour: that affair of lies, deception and betrayal.

This was the man who was *not* asked to lead England this winter: he was begged. He finally announced that he was going to break a South African contract in order to lead England in India.

India might have blind-eyed another captain with South African connections. But Gooch, the manner of his wooing, and the manner of his acceptance: this was too much. India's reaction, refusing visas to Gooch and all those cricketers with South African connections, was wholly predictable.

Phoney attempts at a defence

Why, then, was there so strong a desire for Gooch to lead England in the first place? I believe he was selected as captain not in spite of, but because of his South African connections.

I do not propound the conspiracy theory and say that a confrontation with India was thought through. But I know that sympathy for South Africa is immense in English cricketing circles: pre-D'Oliveira cricketers have genuine ties of friendship with South Africa, golden memories of beautiful days in a beautiful land.

There are many arguments brought to bear on the issue: all of them phoney. The chief of these is that we play sports with other countries that have unpleasant governments.

True, if we only played sports with nations with morally sound governments, we would never play with anyone, and the others would find reasons not to play with us. In just the cricket-playing nations, a sane person would object to government records on Aboriginal and Maori land rights, the treatment of the Tamils in Sri Lanka, the horrors of India's caste system, the oppression of women under Islam in Pakistan.

But the historical accident of the D'Oliveira Affair has pushed cricket into the front-line when it comes to the expression of the world's dislike of apartheid. I wish cricket was proud of bearing this responsibility.

Not a political abstraction

And there is a further reason for selecting the South African issue to object to. The injustices and immoralities mentioned above are what one might call, without in any sense trivializing them, local affairs. Apartheid is an issue with global implications.

The South African system is based on the premise that all black and brown people everywhere in the world are inferior to all white people.

Black politicians of all nations are accused of mischief-making when they step in on the South African issue. What so many white British fail to see is that for many people, apartheid is not a political abstraction. It is a hideous, glaring, *personal* affront.

By extension, anyone who supports the Republic, especialy in public (like playing cricket there) is lending support to the notion that black people have fewer rights than whites.

The selectors, by their cosying up with Gooch, have been expressing the British cosying-up with apartheid that is abhorrent to people throughout the world. Captain Gooch stands, wittingly or not, for the sneaking British affection for South Africa and as a symbol of a certain secret liking for apartheid itself.

Hearn's players to flout law on logos

By Steve Acteson

The increasingly bitter infighting between snooker's two most powerful professional groups, the governing body, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) and the Matchroom organization of the leading manager, Barry Hearn, took a fresh twist yesterday as Hearn gave his stable of eight players *carte blanche* to break another rule of the Association.

This weekend when Hearn launches the Norwich Union European Grand Prix, he will deliberately flout a clause in one of the WPBSA rules by allowing his players to wear the sponsor's advertising logo for the matches which will be pre-recorded for transmission in Europe, although not in Britain.

The WPBSA, however, has, following contractual agreements, signed with the BBC and Independent Television agreements that were reached when Hearn was still a board member forbidding the wearing of advertising material, "unless," Martyn Blake, the secretary of the WPBSA, said, "approved by the association and if in the interests of the members as a whole, and not just one or two individuals".

Hearn's increasingly aggressive stance towards the WPBSA, albeit tempered by his undying belief that everything he does is for snooker's advancement, fails to take in the fact that his latest move is only, for now, to the benefit of his own players who include the world champion, Steve Davis, the winner on Sunday of the first ranking tournament of the season, the Fidelity Unit Trusts International, and world No. 2, Jimmy White, Davis's beaten opponent in the final.



Davis: and offending logo

Hearn seems confident that the breach of the ruling over logos can not affect his people and will take the gamble, saying: "Other sports, like tennis, have no problems with players wearing logos. Snooker should be the same."

To illustrate his contempt for the WPBSA, Hearn also announced a deal with British Telecom to provide a Matchroom snooker call-line.

Cheats are cursed before they start

From David Miller, Seoul

In his opening address to the 94th Session of the IOC yesterday, Juan Antonio Samaranch damned those who will attempt to cheat in the Olympic Games here by the use of drugs.

"Doping equals death," the IOC president said. "Physiologically, with the profound, sometimes irreversible alteration of the body's normal processes . . . physical death, as in certain recent tragic cases, death of the spirit and intellect by the acceptance of cheating . . . and finally moral death by placing oneself outside the rules of conduct demanded by society."

David Jenkins, who might be regarded as the biggest cheat in British sporting history and is to stand trial in San Diego, might not agree. But the leaders of every national Olympic committee, some of whom condone drug abuse, were there to hear Samaranch's words

The IOC has drawn up a special charter, in conjunction with an initiative by the Canadian government on cheating by drugs which is to be submitted to Sports Ministers from all over the world

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East Germans fail to block defector

Seoul (Reuter) — An East German defector, Jens-Peter Berndt, will be able to swim for West Germany at the Olympic Games after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) decided yesterday to ignore a protest from East Germany.

Richard Pound, IOC vice-president, told a news conference that a three-man panel heard representations from the National Olympic Committees of both countries. It decided not to change the July ruling that Berndt would be eligible to compete for West Germany and the decision was unanimously confirmed by the IOC executive board.

Berndt defected to the United States in January 1985 but failed to acquire US citizenship. In August last year, he moved to West Germany, which grants automatic citizenship to East German defectors.

Pound said Berndt had effectively changed nationality in 1985 and fell outside the three-year rule under which East Germany's approval must be given.

● Kevin Roy became the fourth member of the Canadian Olympic weightlifting squad to learn he had tested positive for anabolic steroids. He accepted the option of returning for a second test.

Blunder on Royal protocol

Seoul — The formal introduction of the Princess Royal into the International Olympic Committee in Seoul yesterday was a protocol shambles (David Miller writes).

She was unaccompanied as she climbed the steps on to the stage of the National Theatre; Louis Guirandou-N'Diaye, of the Ivory Coast, head of protocol, began to speak before Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president, was on stage, and also fluffed his lines.

Many IOC members believe that the introduction of new members should revert to being in private, following public formalities at the last three sessions in Istanbul, Calgary and Seoul. Anita DeFrantz, of the United States, the last member to be introduced privately, said: "The informality of a private introduction is equally solemn and much to be preferred."

Hanley fit and on his way back to Wigan

Despite fears for his fitness, Ellery Hanley, the Great Britain rugby league captain, yesterday caught a plane home from Sydney and will play for Wigan on Sunday (Keith Macklin writes).

The Wigan chairman, Maurice Lindsay, said: "Ellery received an injury in the Sydney Grand Final on Sunday, but I am told that it is not concussion, and he will play for Wigan in the Lancashire Cup at Barrow next Sunday and captain Yorkshire at Headingley against Lancashire on Wednesday week".

Although Hanley, a centre, has yet to sign a new contract with Wigan, his association with Balmain is over, and Lindsay is certain that Hanley will agree terms on returning to Central Park this week.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Benn row resolved

Nigel Benn, of West Ham, the unbeaten middleweight boxer, who was mangaged by Frank Warren, is free to have the manager of his choice. Mr Justice Pill yesterday lifted the injuction ordering a rival, Ambrose Mendy, not to interfere with Warren's contract with Benn.

Mendy, the chairman of World Sports Corporation, a newly formed promotional group, had returned to the High Court to contest the order. After the two-day hearing, which was held in private, he said: "This means that Benn is free to manage his own affairs and I am free to represent him."



Benn: given a choice

A sad loss

Rackets lost two of its most respected players with the death of the brothers Andrew and Randall Crawley in a plane crash in northern Italy at the weekend. Randall, aged 38, was a five-time winner of the British Open doubles championship.

Work to begin

Surrey County Cricket Club is so confident of raising the last £300,000 of its £1 million Save The Oval appeal that it has arranged for demolition work on the West Side of the Pavilion to be started on Thursday.

Medal rule

Geneva — The International Cyclists' Union (UCI) reiterated yesterday that cyclists stripped of their medals after testing positive for drugs will not be replaced in track events by the next rider in the placings.

Riders' fund

At the suggestion of Mr and Mrs Michael Davies, whose son, Mark, died as a result of a fall at the Burghly Remy Martin three-day event on Saturday, a fund is being set up to help injured riders.

The Olympics in The Times

With the start of the Olympic Games in Seoul only four days away, *The Times* this week provides all the latest news from our team of correspondents, headed by David Miller. Tomorrow we continue our guide to the medal sports, and on Saturday, with colour photographs, there will be a special analysis of athletics, swimming, tennis and equestrianism, plus the daily Olympic schedule and television times.